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SUMMARY.

Unionist newspapers see sympathy between the views on the Empire's fiscal unity held by Mr. A. J. Balfour and Mr. Chamberlain, but the Opposition press insists upon a divergence between the policies of the Ministers.

Commenting on the penalisation of Canada's commerce, the "Times" condemns Germany's astounding audacity in denying the rights of the British Empire to manage its own domestic affairs.

American newspapers applaud Mr. Chamberlain's genius and political sagacity, and consider that his policy is the starting point of a new epoch.

Further German opinions on the speech declare that a self-sufficing British Empire is impossible, and that the favour shown to the colonies will prove detrimental.

Germany would, it is asserted, prove victorious in a tariff war with Great Britain.

South African critics generally approve the propositions of the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

On the authority of the "Berliner Tageblatt" the resignation of General Von Goesler was due to Emperor William's disgust at the Minister's boundless arrogance.

Prices at the London wool sales continue to advance, merino going to Continental buyers at extreme rates.

Details of the Russian massacres of Jews show 15 streets were sacked and 4000 families left homeless. Children were flung from windows to the pavements.

Women were horribly treated, some of the atrocities being ghastly in the extreme.

Mr. C. C. Lance, Commercial Agent in England, has been much impressed with the advanced scientific dairying methods at the Hamburg Hygiene Milk Exhibition.

Drivers and firemen all over Victoria are now anxious to resume work. The department was busy yesterday arranging the reduced service.

It has been decided that concessions for the loss of last week will be made to monthly ticket-holders, but the quarterly and half-yearly holders shall receive no compensation.

Should the express time-table between Melbourne and Sydney be running efficiently mails by the R.M.S. Omrah will arrive here in time for delivery to-morrow afternoon.

The station-master at Albury said last night that the inter-state service would be fully restored to-day.

The Auburn murder trial was concluded yesterday. His Honor, in summing up, said that it made one's blood boil to think that advocates should impute that the police had wilfully got evidence known to be untrue.

He supposed there were some mad men in the police force, but as a body they were entitled to the gratitude of the public.

Touching the suggestion made that Woolford had fired the fatal shot from outside, his Honor said that there was no doubt the witness was a poor, wretched, contemptible creature, but the jury must decide whether he had the necessary pluck for the shooting.

Woolford was one of the vile instruments that had to be used if crime was to be detected, but beyond his evidence there was plenty for the jury to consider.

His Honor said that if the jury was satisfied that the prisoners were the persons who committed the burglary it would seem that there was no escape from finding that they were the persons who murdered Constable Long.

The jury, after nearly 6 hours' retirement, returned a verdict of guilty against the accused Henry Jones and Digby Grand, but recommended them to mercy.

His Honor said that he would refer the recommendation to the usual authorities, but he was bound to say that it would not be entertained. Sentence of death was passed.

The Premier and the Attorney General and the Minister for Mines were asked yesterday by a deputation representative of 10,000 miners to speedily summon Parliament to deal with amendments to the Arbitration Act.

It was asked that the Act should be altered to make it clear that coal cleaned should be weighed in the skip and paid for by weight. This was said to be the world-wide practice.

In reply Sir John See said that Parliament would meet early in June, when the grievances would receive consideration. He would introduce a bill to make payment by weight compulsory.

The Minister for Works acknowledged to a deputation yesterday that he had promised the extension of the Newcastle-Broadmeadow tramway to Waratah, and it at the tightness of the money market and the bad times prevented the promise being fulfilled.

Two sites formerly included in the Bushcutter Bay Park were sold by auction on behalf of the Minister for Lands yesterday.

Mr. O'Sullivan told a deputation representing the Tenora Sleeper-getters' Association yesterday that they must not have things all their own way. The men asked for 5s 6d each for 2500 sleepers, but the Minister thought the price too high.

The Railway Commissioners promised a deputation representing religious bodies yesterday that, while they would make every effort to regulate the tram service so as not to interfere with Divine service, they must also consider the convenience of the travelling public.

Application was made on behalf of two North Sea fishermen to the Fisheries Commission yesterday for aid to equip a boat and trawling appliances for deep-sea fishing in New South Wales waters. The request was referred to the Government.

In the opinion of the Engineer-in-Chief of the Queensland Railways, the construction of the trans-Australian railway would at present be premature.

At a meeting of the South Sydney Federal Labour League it was decided to support the candidature of Mr. E. Riley, president of the Sydney Labour Council, to represent the electorate in the House of Representatives.

At the annual meeting of the New South Wales Bar the position of seniority occupied by Mr. Pollock in the list of barristers was published in a letter signed by five of the King's Counsel.

It was resolved to recommend that shorthand writers should be employed in every Supreme Court in Sydney.

It is expected that the steam yacht Nora which was partially destroyed by fire and sunk in the harbour on Tuesday morning will be refloated to-day. The boat was not insured.

After 46 years of eventful service Superintendent Granger will retire from the police force at the end of next month. His name is familiar with the days of bushranging.

The Hon. J. P. Larke, Commissioner for Canada, speaking yesterday upon Mr. Chamberlain's preferential trade declaration, said that he did not think Australia would be influenced by what Canada had done in the matter.

Sydney merchants generally are antagonistic to Mr. Chamberlain's expressed ambition, which would, they consider, be a backward movement from a free-trade standpoint, and tend also to further disorganisation of the Australian tariff.

Power was given by the City Council last night to the health committee to take instant measures for the cleansing of localities where plague-infected rats may be discovered.

The Lord Mayor was also commissioned to ask the Premier to construct a rat-proof retaining wall along the harbour frontage, and to inquire when the low-level sewerage system would be completed.

A motion by Alderman Fitzgerald to alter the names of George, Castlereagh, and one or two other city streets was negatived.

State Ministers refused absolutely to discuss Mr. Chamberlain's speech.

Developments in the Coolone poisoning case show that several friends who called to offer condolence to the Keane family narrowly escaped death.

A roast of beef that was to have been eaten was noticed to be streaked with white powder, and was consequently discarded. Fat used in cooking the meat was thrown to fowls, which died immediately.

Constable Bloodsmythe, who was recently the victim of a gun accident at Jugiong, will be, it is considered, blind for life.

Mr. O'Sullivan states that the necessity for the early payment of loan expenditure was responsible for the dismissal of workmen employed at the Port Kembla harbour works. He mentions several other similar cases.

Dr. Fordyce lectured at the Y.M.C.A. Hall last night on "Christian Science."

It is understood that the Cabinet has approved the expenditure of about £160,000 for additional engines to increase the electric power of the tram service.

The annual meeting of the New South Wales Alliance was held last night at the Protestant Hall before a large and enthusiastic audience.

Speeches were delivered in favour of the new Liquor Bill, which the meeting by resolution committed itself to support.

On the Mining market yesterday a good range of business was recorded, chiefly in Queensland gold companies, which in several instances were quoted at advanced prices.

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NOTICE is also hereby given that a Court of Petty Sessions will be held at the Police Court, Burwood, on THURSDAY, 4th day of June, 1903, at 10.30 o'clock in the forenoon, for the hearing of Appeals against such Assessment. Notice of Appeal must be in writing, and lodged with the Council Clerk seven days at least before the holding of such Court.

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CHAPTER V.—Continued.

A deadly sensation of nausea overpowered him, but the love of life came to his aid, and he tore the suffocating feeler from his face. Then the axe whirled, and one of the eight arms of the octopus lost some of its length. Yet a fourth flung itself around his left ankle. A few feet away, out of range of the axe, and lifting itself bodily out of the water, was the dread form of the cuttle, apparently all head, with distended gills and monstrous eyes.

The sailor's feet were planted wide apart. With frenzied effort he hacked at the murderous tentacles, but the water hindered him, and he was forced to beat back, in superhuman strain, to avoid losing his balance. If once this terrible assailant got him down he knew he was lost. The very need to keep his feet prevented him from attempting to deal a mortal blow.

The cuttle was anchored by three of its tentacles. Its remaining arm darted with sinuous activity to again clutch the man's face or neck. With the axe he smote madly at the curling feeler, diverting its aim time and again, but failing to deliver an effective stroke.

With agonised prescience the sailor knew that he was yielding. Were the devil-fish a giant of its tribe he could not have held out so long. As it was, the creature could afford to wait, strengthening its grasp, tightening its coils, pulling and pumping at its prey with remorseless certainty.

He was nearly spent. In a paroxysm of despair he resolved to give way, and with one mad effort seek to bury the axe in the monster's brain. But ere he could execute this fatal project—for the cuttle would have instantly swept him into the trailing weeds—five revolver shots rang out in quick succession. Iris had reached the nearest rock.

The third bullet gave the octopus cause to reflect. It squirted forth a torrent of dark-coloured fluid. Instantly the water became black, opaque. The tentacle flourishing in the air thrashed the surface with impotent fury; then around Jenks' wrist grew taut and rigid. The axe flashed with the inspiration of hope. Another arm was severed; the huge dismembered coil slackened and fell away.

Yet was he anchored immovably. He turned to look at Iris. She never forgot the fleeting expression of his face. So might Lazarus have looked from the tomb.

"The rope!" she screamed, dropping the revolver and seizing the loose ends lying at her feet.

She drew them tight and leaned back, pulling with all her strength. The sailor flung the axe to the rocks and grasped the two ropes. He raised himself and plunged wildly. He was free. With two convulsive strides he was at the girl's side.

He stumbled to a boulder and dropped in complete collapse. After a time he felt Iris' hand placed timidly on his shoulder. He raised his head and saw her eyes shining.

"I thank you," he said. "We are quits now."

CHAPTER VI.
SOME EXPLANATIONS.

Fierce emotions are necessarily transient, but for the hour they exhaust the body's capacity. The sailor had gone through such mental stress before it was yet noon that he was benumbed, wholly incapable of further sensation. Seneca tells how the island of Theresaea arose in a moment from the sea, thereby astounding ancient mariners, as well it might. Such a manifestation been repeated within a few hundred fathoms of the reef, Jenks was in mood to accept it as befitting the new order of things.

Being in good condition, he soon recovered his physical powers. He was outwardly little the worse for the encounter with the devil-fish. The skin around his mouth was inflamed, and his legs were bruised. One sweep of the axe had cut clean through the bulging leather of his left boot without touching the flesh. In a word, he was practically uninjured.

He had the doglike habit of shaking himself at the close of a fray. He did so now when the creek showed its clearer signs of the ordeal. Her face was drawn and haggard, the pupils of her eyes dilated. She was gazing into depths, illimitable, unexplored. Compassion awoke at sight of her.

"Come," said Jenks gently. "Let us get back to the island."

He quietly resumed predominance, helping her over the rough pathway of the reef, almost lifting her when the difficulties were great.

He did not ask her how it happened that she came so speedily to his assistance. Enough that she had done it, daring all for his sake. She was weak and trembling. With the acute vision of the soul she saw again, and yet again, the deadly malice of the octopus, the divine despair of the man.

Reaching the firm sand, she could walk alone. She limped. Instantly her companion's blunted emotions quickened into life. He caught her arm and said hoarsely—

"Are you hurt in any way?"

The question brought her back from dreamland. A waking nightmare was happily shattered into dim fragments. She even strove to smile unconcernedly.

"It is nothing," she murmured. "I stumbled on the rocks. There is no sprain. Merely a blow, a bit of skin rubbed off, above my ankle."

"Let me carry you."

"The idea! Carry me! I will race you to the cave."

"It was no idle jest. She wanted to run—to get away from that inky blotch in the green water.

"You are sure it is a trifle?"

"Quite sure. My stocking chafes a little; that is all. See, I will show you."

She stooped and with the quick skill of woman, rolled down the stocking on her right leg. Modestly daring, she stretched out her foot and slightly lifted her dress. On the outer side of the tapering limb was an ugly bruise, scratched deeply by the coral.

He exhibited due surgical interest. His manner, his words, became professional.

"We will soon put that right," he said. "A strip off your muslin dress, soaked in brandy, will——"

"Brandy!" she exclaimed.

"Yes; we have some, you know. Brandy is a great tip for bruised wounds. It can be applied both ways, inside and out."

This was better. They were steadily drifting back to the commonplace. Whilst she stitched together some muslin strips he knocked the head off a bottle of brandy. They each drank a small quantity, and the generous spirit brought colour to their wan cheeks. The sailor shoved Iris how to fasten a bandage by twisting the muslin round the upper part of his boot. For the first time she saw the cut made by the axe.

"Did—the thing—grip you there?" she nervously inquired.

"There, and elsewhere. All over at once, it felt like. The beast attacked me with five arms."

She shuddered. "I don't know how you could fight it," she said. "How strong, how brave you must be."

This amused him. "The veriest coward will try to save his own life," he answered. "If you use such adjectives to me, what words can I find to do justice to you, who dared to come close to such a vile-looking creature and kill it. I must thank my stars that you carried the revolver."

"Ah!" she said, "that reminds me. You do not practise what you preach. I found your pistol lying on the stone in the cave. That is one reason why I followed you."

It was quite true. He laid the weapon aside when delving at the rock, and forgot to replace it in his belt.

"It was stupid of me," he admitted; "but I am not sorry."

"Why?"

"Because, as it is, I owe you my life."

"You owe me nothing," she snapped. "It is very thoughtless of you to run if such risks. What will become of me if anything happens to you? My point of view is purely selfish, you see."

"Quite so. Purely selfish." He smiled sadly. "Selfish people of your type are somewhat rare, Miss Deane."

Not a conversation worth noting, perhaps, save in so far as it is typical of the trite utterances of people striving to recover from some tremendous ordeal. Epigrams delivered at the foot of the scaffold have always been carefully prepared beforehand.

(To be continued).

LAW REPORT.

TUESDAY, MAY 19.

IN BANCO.

(Before the Acting Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Simpson, and Mr. Justice Walker.)

ALLEGED BREACH OF CONTRACT.

Emu Gravel and Road Metal Company, Limited, v. Gibson.

Mr. C. B. Stephen and Mr. Garland, instructed by Messrs. Norton, Smith, and Co., appeared for the plaintiff company, and moved to make absolute a rule nisi by which defendant had been called upon to show cause why the verdict found in his favour should not be set aside, and a verdict entered for plaintiffs in the sum of £351 10s 5d. Sir Julian Salomons, K.C., Dr. Sly, and Mr. Ralston, instructed by Messrs. Stephen, Jaques, and Stephen, appeared for the defendant in support of the verdict. The action was brought by the Emu Gravel and Road Metal Company, Limited, against John William Gibson to recover compensation for loss sustained by them owing to an alleged breach of contract for the delivery within a stipulated period of railway material. Plaintiffs' case was that defendant entered into a contract to supply the company with steel rails and fittings to be shipped for Sydney in April or May, 1901; and also for points and crossings which were to be shipped in June. Plaintiffs also stipulated that the material was to be sent out from the port of shipment by steamer, and they stated that it was expressly mentioned to the defendant that the dates of shipment were fixed for the months named in order that delivery might take place in Sydney before the Commonwealth Customs tariff came into operation. As a matter of fact, however, the goods were not shipped until much later, and did not arrive here until October or November. This was subsequent to the passing of the Federal tariff, and the plaintiff company had to pay £351 10s 5d duty, which they sought to recover in the action. The defendant paid in into court as sufficient to meet the damage alleged by plaintiffs, and gave evidence that before the contract was executed he told Mr. Wilmott and Mr. Hudson, both directors of the company, that he would take no liability in regard to the non-arrival of the material before the date of the passing of the Commonwealth tariff, as delay over which he would have no control might arise from various causes—such as the breakdown of the steamer. The action was heard in August last before Mr. Justice Owen and a jury of four, and his Honor in summing up pointed out that the onus of proof rested upon defendant's allegation of denial of liability before the contract rested with him (defendant) and that if they believed his story he would be entitled to a verdict. He also read the judgment in the case of Hadley v. Baxendale and pointed out that the special circumstances as to the risk from the Federal tariff were known to both parties, but that defendant alleged that when these circumstances were spoken of before the contract, he expressly refused to accept any liability in respect to them. The jury returned a verdict for the defendant, and in answer to a question put by his Honor they found that defendants' liability was limited in respect to the Federal tariff. The plaintiff company now appealed on the grounds—1. That upon the facts proved and admitted his Honor should have directed the jury to find a verdict for the plaintiffs for the sum of £351 10s 5d. 2. That his Honor was in error in directing the jury that a conversation between defendant and one Wilmott prior to the making of the contract could limit the liability of the defendant to the plaintiff company in respect of the breach by the defendant of the contract entered into subsequently between plaintiffs and defendant.

Mr. C. B. Stephen, in arguing the grounds of appeal submitted, said that at the trial there were no differences as to facts except that plaintiffs never moved, until after trial, that Gibson said before the contract was executed that he would not accept any liability with reference to the Commonwealth tariff. The contract said that defendant would ship these goods in certain months on board vessels bound for New South Wales. He did not do that, and the goods did not arrive until some months after March; and the plain, palpable result of the breach was that plaintiffs had to pay over £300. There was another way of putting the matter, and which was referred to in the English cases. When the goods arrived, if they were subject to certain charges in consequence of the delay which otherwise plaintiffs would not have had to pay, defendant would, no doubt, be liable for those charges. In other words the goods practically became deteriorated to the purchaser, as they reached his hands as a less value in consequence, perhaps, of an increase in freights or other charges. As was laid down in the case of Borrow v. Hutchinson, 34 L.J. C.P., 169, if a contract had been broken by goods not being delivered in time to the plaintiff, he was entitled to such damages as might reasonably be expected to result from the breach. Then there was also the case of M'Mahon v. Steel, L.R. 7 Q.B.D., 591, which went to show that damages could be recovered from consequences which might reasonably be supposed to have been in the expectation of the parties when the contract was made. The question of Customs duties was just as much an ordinary incident which might arise from the breach of contract as an increase in freights or commercial charges. The term "in contemplation" did not mean the contemplation of damages which the parties were willing to pay under the agreement. It was a question of circumstances surrounding the contract directly known to both parties, and of which they had notice, indicating the possible results of a breach. All that it was necessary to show was that the circumstances were known to both parties, and that they had failed to certain results if a breach of contract took place.

Sir Julian Salomons, on the other side, contended that the point at issue was concluded by the decision in Hadley v. Baxendale. Unless the damage claimed was expressly or impliedly included in the contract the plaintiffs could not recover, and there was nothing about a Customs tariff in the contract here.

At 4 o'clock the further hearing was adjourned till the following day.

IN EQUITY.

(Before Mr. Justice A. H. Simpson, Chief Judge in Equity.)

A TITLE TO LAND.

Stewart v. Rofe and others.

Mr. Harnett, instructed by Messrs. Cope and Co., appeared for the plaintiff; and Dr. Culleu, instructed by Messrs. Alfred Rofe and Sons, for the defendants. This was a matter in which John Stewart, of Parkroad, Alexandria, builder, sought a declaration from the Court that a contract entered into between himself and the defendants, John Fulton Rofe, of Sydney, Arthur Cameron Rofe, of Newcastle, and Thomas Ernest Rofe, of Sydney, on January 19 last, for the purchase and sale of certain lands situate in the parish of Alexandria, county of Cumberland, might be rescinded. It appeared that the purchase price of the land was £495, and plaintiff claimed that the defendants had not given a good title for the whole of the land in accordance with the conditions of sale. He also claimed, in addition to the declaration, that he was entitled to have the contract rescinded, that his deposit should be refunded, and that the defendants should pay the costs of the application. The defendants denied the allegation respecting the title, and said that it was a good one.

The case stands part heard.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

(Before the Registrar, Mr. Arthur Henry.)

CERTIFICATE APPLICATIONS.

Re Robert Johnston. This matter was adjourned to June 16 to allow the bankrupt to answer the official assignee's report.

Re John Henry Studdon. Adjourned to June 16 to enable the bankrupt to answer the report of the official assignee.

Re Richard Davis Bramston. Bankrupt did not appear and the matter was adjourned to the 26th inst., when the bankrupt to be informed that if he does not then appear the matter will be adjudicated in his absence.

Re William John Bathune. The report and an affidavit in reply were read, and the Registrar said bankrupt had failed to keep proper books of account, had continued to trade knowing himself to be insolvent, and had given an undue preference. The certificate would be suspended for two years from the date of the first application.

Re Robert Reilly. In the matter the Registrar found that bankrupt had contracted debts without reasonable or probable grounds of expectation of being able to pay, and that he had no right to convey the equity of redemption of a selection. Certificate suspended for 12 months.

MEETINGS AND EXAMINATIONS.

Re John William Cockerill. Adjourned to June 2 as accounts had been filed only that morning.

Re Louis Dare. Bankrupt was examined and the examination was adjourned to June 1. The examination under section 30 in the same estate was adjourned to June 30.

Re Edward M'Encroe. Bankrupt was examined and the meeting was adjourned to June 1.

Re James Williams. Bankrupt was examined and the meeting closed and the public examination was declared concluded.

SEQUESTRATIONS.

Arthur Vere Walker, of Lithgow, smelter. Mr. L. T. Lloyd, official assignee.

William Carbery, of Moss Vale, monumental mason. Mr. W. H. Palmer, official assignee.

Robert Townsend, of Gilgandra, innkeeper. Mr. L. T. Lloyd, official assignee.

CREDITORS' PETITION.

John Connell and Co. Proprietary, Limited, of Sydney, versus John Patrick Ryan, of Harris Park, Parramatta. Petition to be heard on May 25.

MOTIONS FOR RELEASE OF ESTATE.

Re Ernest Albert Hodgson. The official assignee reported acquittance from all the creditors, and an order was made releasing the estate from sequestration, the release not to operate as a discharge.

Re Edward Priestman. Certain amounts having been paid into Court the estate was released from sequestration.

Re James Murphy. The official assignee reported a legal acquittance from all the creditors, and it was ordered that the estate be released from sequestration, the bankrupt having liberty to apply for his certificate on June 16.

COURT OF REVIEW.

(Before Judge Murray.)

ASSESSMENT OF STATION PROPERTY.

The Quambone Holding.

Mr. Alexander Wilson appeared for the appellants, Mr. George Ashwell and Andrews, trustees for W. C. Cooper and Nephews in an appeal against the assessment for land tax purposes of the Quambone station holding, in the Coonamble district; and Mr. J. L. Campbell, instructed by the Crown Solicitor, for the Taxation Commissioners, respondents. The Commissioners had, it appeared, assessed the property, which has an area of 26,031 acres, at 2s 2d per acre as its value for taxation purposes, and the appellants contended that a fair value was £1 per acre. Evidence was given by several witnesses as to the carrying capacity and value of the land, but the case for the appellants had not concluded when the Court rose.

DISTRICT COURT.

(Before Judge Haydon.)

DISPUTE OVER A TROTTING GELDING.

Skuthorpe v. Bartlett.

This was an action in which Richard Skuthorpe, of Kurrajong, grazier, sued Horatio Bartlett, of George-street, Sydney, butcher, for £100, the value of the trotting gelding Yellow Jack, or for his return. The case was heard during last week, and his Honor then reserved judgment. Briefly, the facts were that plaintiff had sold the animal to one W. H. Woodham for £190 on terms, and that Woodham had sold it to defendant before the time mentioned in the agreement of sale for the payment of the whole of the purchase money had expired.

His Honor, in delivering judgment, mentioned the facts of the case, and said that Woodham, under the agreement, had no right of ownership of the animal, but only a right of possession until he paid the balance of the purchase money. Therefore Woodham could not dispose of the ownership of the horse. He (his Honor) therefore found for the amount claimed, to be reduced to 1s should the animal be returned to plaintiff within three days.

ALLEGED BREACH OF AGREEMENT.

A COMMERCIAL TRAVELLER'S ACTION.

Hattam v. Mann, Byars, and Co.

This was an action in which James Henry Hattam, of Walhalla, Robert-street, Marrickville, claimed from Mann, Byars, and Co., carrying on business at 8 York-street, Sydney, the sum of £150 for alleged breach of agreement. Mr. James, instructed by Messrs. Garland and Laurence, appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. Shand, instructed by Messrs Pigott and Stinson, for the defendants. Plaintiff's case was that an agreement had been entered into between him and the defendants to serve for a year from January 2, 1903, in the capacity of a commercial traveller at a salary of £12 per month, and that defendants promised to retain him in their service during the year in that capacity. The agreement, it was alleged, had not been carried out inasmuch as he was dismissed within the stipulated time. The defence was that the plaintiff was not engaged on a yearly service, but simply engaged on trial, and that trial was to determine his position. It was also stated that if plaintiff was dismissed the defendants were justified in dismissing him for alleged disobedience of orders, and further, that he was not ready and willing to continue in the service of the defendants. Respecting the claims for services rendered, defendants paid £12 10s into court, notwithstanding which payment they denied liability.

His Honor reserved judgment.

A TRAM AND CART COLLISION.

Ramage v. the Railway Commissioners.

Mr. Kelynack, instructed by Mr. J. W. Abigal, appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. Scholes, instructed by Mr. A. H. Platt (solicitor for railways), for the defendant Commissioners. This was an action brought by Hugh Ramage, of Campbell-street, St. Peters, to recover compensation for injuries sustained and loss caused to him consequent on the alleged carelessness and negligence of the defendant's servants. Plaintiff's case was that on December 6 last he was driving along the Cook's River-road. Without any warning a tramcar came up behind him, struck his cart, capsizing the vehicle, and throwing plaintiff, his boy, and the contents of the cart on the road. Plaintiff sustained injuries, and had to incur expense for medical treatment, as well as for repairing the other damages. He, therefore, claimed £100 damages. The defendants denied the negligence alleged and pleaded that plaintiff had been guilty of contributory negligence.

The case stands part heard.

CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT.

(Before Acting Justice Rogers and a jury.)

AUBURN TRAGEDY.

TRIAL OF GRAND AND JONES.

JUDGE'S SUMMING UP.

VERDICT OF GUILTY.

RECOMMENDATION TO MERCY.

The trial of Digby Grapd and Henry Jones on a charge of murdering Constable Samuel William Long at Auburn on January 19 was concluded.

Mr. Pilcher, K.C., with Mr. Wilfrid Blacket, instructed by the Crown Solicitor, appeared for the prosecution; Mr. H. A. Moss appeared for the defence of the prisoner Grand, and Mr. E. R. Abigail for Jones.

Mr. Pilcher, in addressing the jury, said that during the trial a great deal had been said against the police. They had been accused of influencing the witness Woolford and others to obtain false statements incriminating the prisoners. He thought no more diabolical suggestion had ever been made. Did the jury believe that the police would deliberately suborn perjury for the sake of securing a verdict against any two men? The line taken by the defence was that Woolford was concerned in this burglary. If that was so, who was more likely than Woolford to know who his mates were? Counsel admitted that Woolford's evidence must be taken with a great deal of care. In this case it was the only one-but must be taken into consideration. But there was no doubt that a substantial part of his evidence was true.

His Honor commenced his summing up at 20 minutes to 1 o'clock. He said that a very great deal had been said in this case about the police. They were not on their defence, but the charge who lived by crime, and also by larrikins. He supposed that there were some bad men in the force, and others who made mistakes, but as a body they were entitled to the gratitude of the public. Any man who would wilfully get evidence knowing it to be untrue, or subscribe to get a conviction by any underhand means, would be worse, he held, than the man who committed the crime. It made one's blood boil to think that advocates should come there and impute such things to these men.

Mr. Moss said that his Honor had used the word "advocates." He wished it to be understood that he had never imputed to the police the things his Honor had said.

His Honor replied that if Mr. Moss felt aggrieved he would withdraw what had been said, as far as Mr. Moss was concerned.

His Honor then went on to the question of joint guilt, his Honor said that if persons were ready to resist by force any interference in what they were attempting to carry out it did not matter which person fired the shot.

Reviewing the evidence, his Honor said the suggestion had been made that Woolford fired the shot from outside. They had seen Woolford and had heard his evidence. There was no doubt that he was a poor, wretched, contemptible person. Whether from illness or from something else, he seemed to be an absolute coward. He was quite willing to say if they thought he would have had the pluck to fire it, Woolford had been attacked for his evidence, and his Honor thought very justly attacked. But his was one of the vile instruments that had to be used if crime was to be detected. There was plenty for the jury to consider in Woolford's evidence. The point had been made by the defence that the Crown had asked for a postponement of the case because Woolford was ill, and therefore the Crown had no material evidence without him. His Honor took exception to that view. There was a case to go to the jury even apart from Woolford. But it would have been very wrong if the Crown had allowed the case to go to the jury without Woolford's evidence. Both the accused had made statements, and these statements, together with the evidence called in support of them, would, if the jury believed them, form a complete alibi. If the jury believed them that would be an end of the Crown's case. But the effect of an alibi that was not established was to recoil upon the persons setting it up. If it failed it would go to strengthen the case of the Crown. The point for the jury to consider was whether they had any reasonable doubt. That doubt must be something that intruded itself upon the mind, not some fanciful thing that was raised up by their imagination. It must be something that appealed to their common sense. If they believed the alibi that had been set up there would be an end to the case of the Crown. It seemed to him, subject to their better opinion, that one of the persons who committed the burglary was the person who did the murder. If there was sufficient evidence to convict on a charge of burglary there was sufficient to convict on murder. There was no difference as far as this case was concerned. In every case where men were charged with crime the case must be established to the satisfaction of the jury. Whether it was a case of stealing a pocket handkerchief or a case of murder it equally applied. If they were satisfied that the prisoners were the persons who committed the burglary it would seem that there was no escape from their finding that they were the persons who committed the murder. For whoever were at the hotel that night must have been the persons who did the murder even if Woolford was in it with them outside. He thought the jury would dismiss that foolish idea from their minds. They had seen Woolford in the box, and he hardly thought Woolford would have courage enough to fire a child's pistol.

The jury retired to consider their verdict at 3 p.m.

Mr. Moss asked his Honor to direct the jury that if either of the prisoners committed a crime foreign to the criminal purpose, the other was neither principal in the second degree nor accessory unless he actually instigated or assisted in its commission.

His Honor: I won't do anything of the kind. I won't direct them differently to what I have done. I will take a note of any objection if it is written down.

Mr. Moss then asked his Honor to direct the jury's attention to the fact that the hammer and chisel were not found at Auburn until Thursday, which was after 15 or 20 policemen had searched the ground.

His Honor: You dealt with that in your address to the jury.

Mr. Moss: But it was not mentioned by your Honor in the summing up.

His Honor: I did not go into every detail. If I had done so it would have taken me a month. However, I will recall the jury, not because I think it necessary, but because I do not wish to appear other than absolutely fair.

On the jury being recalled his Honor said that he was sorry to have to trouble them again. He thought he had summed up absolutely fairly, but there was no pleasing some people. At the request of Mr. Moss he wished to direct their attention to the finding of the hammer and chisel. They were not found until Thursday, which was after 15 or 20 policemen had been over the ground. According to Constable Eddie's evidence they were found in a place where they could not be easily seen.

At 5.10 p.m. the jury returned, and the foreman said one of the jurymen had a question he would like his Honor to answer. The question, which was written on paper, was handed up to the Judge.

His Honor said it was hardly a question. He could not say anything further about it. The juryman, whoever he was, must act on his own conscience. The witness Woolford could be sent for, and the juryman could ask him for the desired information.

On Woolford being placed in the witness-box he was asked the following questions by a juryman:—

Previous to the night of the murder were you acquainted with Jones?—No.

On the night of the murder when you saw them on the bridge, to whom were you speaking?—No one.

You were not speaking to Grant?—No.

What distance were you away from him?—Four or five yards.

What distance from Jones?—About six yards.

Did either of them speak to you?—I said "Good night."

Do you mean to say that was all that passed between you?—That was all that passed.

You had a good view of Jones?—Yes.

On account of it being his first visit you took particular notice of him?—I had a good view of him.

If you had seen him in Sydney the next day you would have been able to recognise him?—Yes.

The jury again retired at 5.25 p.m.

At 8.55 the jury returned to court, having agreed on their verdict. In answer to the usual question, the foreman said they had agreed upon a verdict of guilty against both prisoners, with a recommendation to mercy.

His Honor: On what grounds.

Foreman: On the ground that there is no evidence who fired the shot, and there is the possibility of a third person having been present.

His Honor: Do you mean that you do not know which of these two men fired the shot?

Foreman: Yes.

His Honor: But you think one of them fired it?

Foreman: Certainly, your Honor.

Mr. Moss: Your Honor, before sentence is pronounced I ask you to reserve the following points for the consideration of the Full Court:—1. That your Honor was wrong in law in directing the jury as follows: "If you have sufficient evidence to convict for burglary then that same evidence would be sufficient to convict on murder." 2. And also in directing them that, "If you are satisfied that the prisoners are the persons who committed burglary then there is no escape from your judgment that they are guilty of murder." 3. That your Honor was wrong in law in not directing the jury as requested, "That if either of the prisoners committed a crime foreign to the criminal purpose of the other was neither principal in the second degree nor accessory unless he actually instigated or assisted in its commission."

His Honor said that with regard to the first two points he did not think the words quoted were the words he had used in his summing-up. He would look into the points that were asked to be reserved, but he did not know that he would reserve them, as some of them were not questions of law at all.

Mr. Abigal said that the first two points stated by Mr. Moss should be reserved in his case also.

In answer to the question whether he had anything to say before sentence was passed, Grand stood up in the dock and spoke in a firm voice: "I, Yes. I wish to say before I die that I have no guilty blood on me. I left undefended by the Crown, and only for a certain person I should have been left undefended all last week." Leaning forward over the dock, and looking fiercely at his Honor, he continued: "I have to tell you to your face that you have tried this case more like a Crown Prosecutor than a Judge. There was a Judge in this State named Windeyer. Where did he die? Away from friends and relations, where I hope you will die. I shall meet you before your God, and then you will know whether I am guilty or not."

In answer to a similar question the prisoner Jones said: "I have to thank Mr. Abigal for the trouble he has taken in defending me throughout the whole of the case. I have nothing to say, but thank you for all. Throughout the case you have been prejudiced from beginning to the end."

His Honor, in passing sentence, said: After a very patient consideration of your case the jury have found you both guilty, with a recommendation to mercy, such I will forward to the proper quarter. Grand: I want no recommendation.

His Honor: I don't wish to be interrupted, but if you have anything to say I am ready to listen. After waiting a moment his Honor continued. You have been found guilty with a recommendation to mercy, such I will forward to the proper quarter, but which I feel bound to say will not be entertained, because I do not see that it makes your guilt any the less because there may have been another in it. The jury, after a patient consideration, have found a verdict which in my opinion no reasonable man can dissent from. I do not want to say anything that will pain you in your present position, but I am afraid that in the case of both of you a long career of crime has culminated in this terrible way. I am afraid the principle enunciated by Jones that it is only fools and horses that work has had too much weight with both of you.

Jones: That's a lie.

His Honor then formally passed sentence of death.

On being removed from the dock Grand turned to where some detectives were standing, and invited those in the court to "look at the scoundrels."

CUSTOMS APPEAL.

ALLEGED BREACH OF THE CUSTOMS ACT.

IMPORTING BLANK INVOICES.

APPEAL DISMISSED.

DONOHOE v. MANUFACTURERS' AGENCY, LIMITED.

The appeal by the informant in the above case, John Thomas Tampin Donohoe—came again before Mr. Justice Pring yesterday in Chambers. Mr. Garland, instructed by the Crown Solicitor, appeared for the appellant; and Mr. Rolin, instructed by Messrs. Hughes and Hughes, for defendants. It appeared from the special case stated by Mr. C. N. Payten, S.M., that the Manufacturers' Agency Company was charged at the instance of Donohoe, as officer of Customs, on an information alleging that on February 2 last, at Sydney, the defendant company did unlawfully bring into Australia certain blank invoice forms of John Shaw and Sons, Limited, of Halifax, England, capable of being filled up and used as genuine invoices, contrary to the 159th section of the Customs Act. The case was heard before Mr. Payten on May 1 last, when Mr. Cargill, who appeared on behalf of the complainant, called no evidence, and said he relied upon the arrangements in the information. Upon the close of the evidence Mr Rolin moved the dismissal of the case on the ground that the information was bad in not having in it the words "without reasonable excuse," and that these words in section 159 of the Customs Act (No. 8 of 1901) applied to the words "bring into Australia;" further, that the defendant agency did not bring the invoices into Australia, and if they did, the evidence showed that they had reasonable excuse. Mr. Tremain, on the other hand, submitted that the words "without reasonable excuse" applied to the words "have in his possession" only, and that the words "bring into Australia" meant to import. On the grounds submitted by Mr. Rolin the magistrate dismissed the information, and the question for decision was whether his finding was erroneous in point of law.

The main facts brought out in the evidence of defendants have already been given, and are sufficiently set out in the judgment.

Argument was now resumed by Mr. Rolin on behalf of the respondents, and he said that if sections 125, 191, and 192 of the Customs Act were looked at they would be found to support his contention that the words "without reasonable excuse" in the 159th section referred to the former things, namely, bringing into or having in possession blank invoice forms, and in act the words governed the whole section. But apart from that, the Court, he submitted, would hold not according to the grammatical construction where there was a doubt about the matter, but give a liberal construction to the section. It would therefore, that his Honor would give such a construction to the whole section as would lean against making a possibly innocent man guilty. He cited the case of Plowstead Board of Works v. Spackman, 13 Q.B.D., page 887, where Mr. Justice Jessel laid down the principle in this way: "When the words of an Act of Parliament, being read in their ordinary meaning, are capable of an interpretation which would work manifest injustice, yet if it is within the bounds of any grammatical or reasonable construction to read the Act so that it will not commit a manifest injustice, the Court ought to construe it upon the assumption that the Legislature did not intend by the words it has used to enact that which will perpetrate a manifest injustice." So in this case it would be perpetrating an injustice to say that the Legislature intended that, no matter how innocent a man might be in such a case as this, he was guilty of the offence, and had no opportunity to show that there was reasonable excuse. He contended that the Legislature never intended to make one thing excusable and the others not. The facts of the case showed that respondents did not bring these blank invoice forms into Australia, and the prosecution had failed to prove that the magistrate was bound to find the other way. He submitted that the case was absolutely analogous to that of Budsberg v. Roberts, which he cited in the Court below. He submitted that the terms "bringing in" meant "caused to be imported," and if that was so—and it was only in that way that respondents could be liable—he submitted that the decision in the case cited applied. Here there was ample evidence, from which the magistrate could infer that the respondents did not import the goods.

Mr. Garland pointed out that it was clear that these blank invoice forms were sent out at the instance of the respondents, and though no charge of fraud was brought against them, they were, nevertheless, guilty of a breach of the law. He thought reasonable inference of intention could be gathered from the use in respondents' letter to Messrs. Shaw and Sons, Limited, of the words, "to impress customers that they are dealing with the manufacturers," and from the fact that "Halifax, England," and not "Sydney," appeared on the top of the paper used in the mail. As he pointed out in his argument to chief it was only right that a distinction should be drawn between a person actively bringing or importing things into the State and a person having the things passively in his possession, and with the exception of the remarks made by his Honor it seemed to him that there could be no excuse under our Customs law for bringing or importing into Australia blank invoice forms.

His Honor said that two points were submitted to the magistrate which he (his Honor) must deal with separately. The first turned upon the form of the information, and it was contended on behalf of respondents that the information was bad in not having in it the words, "without reasonable excuse," which formed portion of section 159 of the Federal Customs Act, under which the prosecution took place. The magistrate upheld that contention, and it was now argued on behalf of the appellant that the magistrate was wrong in that respect, inasmuch as the words "without reasonable excuse" applied only to the words "have in his possession," and that they did not apply to or qualify the words "send or bring into Australia." Well, grammatically that contention was right, but it by no means followed that that was the construction to put upon the section. There was no doubt, as Mr. Garland had argued, that the Court would follow the grammatical construction of a section unless some absurdity or inconsistency thereby resulted, and it seemed to him a very absurd thing to say that a man who sent or brought these blank invoice forms into Australia should have no excuse of any kind, because the contention put before him for the appellant was that however innocently a man did it he was liable to a penalty unless, being in Australia, the invoices were found in his possession, which might be the only means to set up a reasonable ground of excuse. It appeared to him that a contention such as that led to an absurdity, and the case he put yesterday showed how absurd it was. A merchant might come out to Australia from England, and by some accident he might have by him a portmanteau containing blank invoice forms, or use them perhaps to wrap up some small parcel; and if appellant was right he would have no answer to a prosecution if these invoices were found in his possession. He did not believe that the Legislature intended anything of the kind. It intended that where a person sent or brought into Australia, or had in his possession blank invoice forms, he was allowed to show a reasonable excuse if he could give one. Therefore he thought the magistrate was right on that part of the case. But another objection was taken, namely, that the evidence did not bring the invoices into Australia, and in order to deal with that it was necessary to summarise the evidence, and it was this:—That respondents acted as agents for manufacturers in England and elsewhere, and in the course of their business firms of manufacturers sent out to them goods which they sold here not on their own account, but on account of English firms, and furnished invoices to their customers, which were all headed "Sydney." In September, last year, respondents wrote to Messrs. John Shaw and Sons, Limited, of Halifax, England, suggesting that when they sent out invoice forms they should have a view of Sydney on the top, the idea being to impress the customers with the idea that they were dealing with the manufacturers. That was the letter which appellant relied upon, and it was contended by Mr. Garland that respondents as respondents wrote that letter, and the blank invoice forms came out in pursuance of that letter, they imported them. He was of opinion that such a contention could not be entertained, because all that respondents asked for was that the forms should have a view of the mills on the top, and how that could be construed into a request for the blank invoice forms, such as were sent out afterwards, he could not conceive.

It would be a monstrous thing if respondents were to be convicted because they sent a letter of that kind, and their principle sent out something in response which was in contravention of the Act of Parliament. For these reasons he answered the question submitted in the special case in the negative.

Appeal dismissed with costs.

INQUESTS.

A FATAL MISTAKE.

An inquiry was held by the City Coroner (Mr. J. C. Woore) yesterday concerning the death of Julius Francis Sternian, 62, an architect, recently residing at 6 Nixon-street, Surry Hills. It was stated that deceased had been suffering from rheumatism, for which he was in the habit of applying a liniment. Late on Monday afternoon he went into a room to drink a compound of linseed and glycerine he was taking for a cold, but in the dark mistook the bottles and swallowed some of the liniment. He informed the landlady and her daughter of what had occurred, and Dr. Saunders, of Crown-street, was sent for. On his arrival he administered an emetic, and then ordered the patient's removal to St. Vincent's Hospital, where he died the same night. A finding of accidental death was recorded.

BURNING FATALITY.

The City Coroner held an inquiry yesterday respecting the death of Dora Elsie Rourke, 4 years of age, who died at the Balmain Cottage Hospital during the morning as the result of burns received on the previous night at her parents' residence. A finding of accidental death was recorded.

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RUSHCUTTER BAY PARK.

SALE OF RESUMED PORTION.

The auction sale of land advertised by Messrs. Batt, Rodd, and Purves to take place at their rooms, 35 Pitt-street, yesterday, was invested with more than usual interest. This was due to the fact that included in the lots to be offered were two sites that previously formed portions of the Rushcutter Bay recreation park. The facts regarding the resumption of this land by the Minister for Lands have already been published in the "Herald." It will be remembered that a short time ago the action of Mr. Crick in erecting a portion of the park the sale was proceeded with as advertised. Amongst those who attended the sale were a number of local residents and well-known speculative builders.

The land was described as being "within the metropolitan area of Sydney, in the New South Head-road at New Beach-road, Rushcutter Bay, and adjacent to the eastern side of Rushcutter Bay Park."

The first lot submitted (No. 720) contained an area of 144 perches, with a frontage about the New South Head-road of 54ft. 6in. The upset price was £350. The bidding started until £345. There was no bidding after the first for this lot, and it was knocked down to Mr. S. Vorce at £386.

THE ZIONISTS.

EXODUS TO ZION CITY.

A representative of the "Herald" yesterday called at the residence of the Rev. John S. M'Cullagh to ascertain particulars regarding the departure from Australia of large numbers of people to Zion City, in the United States. In the absence of Mr. M'Cullagh in Victoria Mrs. M'Cullagh kindly furnished the desired information. The people who left Australia on Monday in the Moana were, it appears, all well-to-do, but they have no knowledge of Australia from their feet for ever on account, it was explained, of the bad government of the Commonwealth, and the fact that the corruption has also crept into here, while their religious convictions had also led them to journey to the new City of Zion for other purposes. The emigrants, for such they are although pilgrims in one sense, have come from South Australia and Victoria and this State. They were bidden farewell at

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BIRTHS.

TREWHELLAR.—May 16, at Lenora, High-street, North Sydney, the wife of J. T. S. Trewhellar—a son.

WHITNEY.—May 7, at Carcoar, the wife of A. W. Whitney—a son.

MARRIAGES.

MOORE—WALLER.—April 15, at St. Aidan's Church, Annandale, by Rev. F. W. Agnew, Harris Maurice Moore, second son of J. D. Moore, of Sydney, to Eva, fourth and youngest daughter of the late Edwin Waller, of Newcastle.

ANNIVERSARY WEDDING.

BROWN—HOBBS.—May 20, 1902, at the Unitarian Church, Sydney, by the Rev. A. Worthington (officiating), Archfield Tennent Brown, youngest son of Mr. John Huntly Brown, of South Shields, England, with Anais J. Hobbs, of Tamworth, second youngest daughter of Mr. William George Smith, of Gresboro, Yorkshire, England. Tamworth papers please copy.

DEATHS.

BYRNE.—May 19, 1903, at Isledon, 136 Hargrave-street, Paddington, Stephen Joseph, the beloved husband of E. E. Byrne, in his 62nd year.

DAVIS.—May 18, at Prince Alfred Hospital, Tottie, the beloved wife of Austin Davis, of Short-street, Canterbury, aged 41 years. Interred at Rookwood on the 19th instant.

GALE.—May 18, at 510 Darling-street, Balmain, Violet, the dearly loved eldest daughter of Joseph and Annie Gale, aged 14 years and 2 months.

HERMAN.—(By cable) May 17, at Johannesburg, South Africa, Abraham Herman, beloved brother of Maria Herman, Melbourne, Nathan and Joseph Herman, and Mrs. P. Cohen, Sydney, and Mrs. Isaac Abrahams, London, aged 56 years.

INGRAM.—May 8, at her mother's residence, Dubbo, the wife of Alfred Ingram, lately residing at 22 Chandos-street, North Sydney, leaving five young children to mourn her loss. Interred by her loving sisters-in-law, A. Ingram, E. Lowe, and A. Hedrick.

LOURY.—May 18, 1903, at No. 12 Wentworth-street, Glebe, James Lowry, late of Cullion, County Tyrone, Ireland, in his 76th year.

M'GARVY.—May 19, 1903, at his residence, Hirdstreet, Harris Park, Parramatta, Robert M'Garvy, ex-senior sergeant of police, Parramatta, aged 70 years.

ROBINSON.—May 19, 1903, at the residence of his parents, Albion, Thompson-street, Drummoyne, Harold, dearly beloved son of William and Euphemia Thompson, aged 2 years and 4 months.

SIMONS.—May 17 and 19, 1903, at their parents' residence, Chandos, 72 Trafalgar-street, Annandale, Dorothy Irene, aged 5 years, and Violet Louisa, aged 11 months, dearly beloved daughters of F. J. and Rachael Simons. Suffer little children to come unto me.

SLOPER.—May 19, at his residence, Kensington, in his 80th year, Frederick Evans Sloper.

IN MEMORIAM.

BELL.—In sad but affectionate remembrance of Georgiana, beloved wife of James Bell, who died at her late residence, Heather Brae, Penrith, May 20th, 1902. Inserted by her loving husband and children.

BELL.—In loving memory of my dear mother, who departed this life at Heather Brae, Penrith, May 20th, 1902. Inserted by her loving daughter, May.

BELL.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Georgiana Bell, who departed this life 20th May, 1902. Inserted by Oswald and Tot.

So loving, so thoughtful, so patient in pain,
Our dear mother has left us, her reward to gain.

GIBSON.—In sad and loving memory of our dear friend, W. J. Gibson, late messenger of the Bank of Australasia, George-street, Sydney, who departed this life May 20th, 1901. At rest. Inserted by Mr Stockton and A. Dyra, Bank of Australasia, and James Crane, London Bank of Australia, Limited. Home papers please copy.

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Inserted by his loving wife, Mary S. Kenny, and family, Samuel A., Percy, and Bernard Kenny, David and Julia Johnson, and John and Lavinia Marsh.

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Mr. and Mrs. FRED FOWLER, of Maudeville, Elsmore-road, Rumore, desire to return their sincere THANKS to their many kind friends for letters, telegrams, cards, floral tributes, and sympathy in their recent sad bereavement.

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MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S POLICY.

Whether or not Mr. Chamberlain's Birmingham address is to be regarded as the starting-point of a new epoch, as the American papers appear to think, it is evident enough that it is likely to prove the starting-point of a good deal of discussion. As the Colonial Secretary himself suggested at the opening of his speech, there are two different standpoints from which the subject he has broached may and indeed must be regarded. He had returned from South Africa, he said, to find that not Imperial but local questions were filling the minds of the public, and of course it is easy to understand that Mr. Chamberlain's mind just now is too much occupied with the broad sweep of Imperial policy to have much eye for local considerations. Yet it is these very local considerations, both at home and abroad, which will be found to stand most obstinately in the way of his ideal being realised. Practical difficulties are the chief obstacle to the realisation of political ideals at all times, and these difficulties are usually suggested by local considerations. So far as this immediate subject is concerned, no one has more plainly stated them than Mr. Chamberlain himself. Seven years ago he spoke at a dinner of the Canada Club in London in reference to Imperial trade, and a proposal of a Canadian politician that a moderate duty independent of any now existing should be imposed both by the colonies and the mother-country on all imports from foreign countries. The Colonial Secretary then said that such a proposition would in the case of the United Kingdom involve a most serious disturbance of trade and a great change in the principles which for many years past have guided the national policy. He said it would impose a handicap in competition with foreigners in neutral markets, and that it was a very startling proposal for a freetrade country.

But Mr. Chamberlain has advanced since then, and developed larger Imperial ambitions. His argument now is that we must recover our freedom of commercial negotiation unfettered by technical definitions of freetrade, and "if necessary, of retaliation wherever our own interests or the relations of the colonies with ourselves are threatened." It is right to mention, too, that his scheme is not the same as that of the Canadian politician. There is the important difference that while it proposed that both the colonies and the mother-country should tax imports from foreign countries, the Colonial Secretary told the Congress of Chambers of Commerce three months after the date of the speech just quoted that the "strongest bond of union between the British race throughout the world" would be a British Zollverein or Customs Union which would establish freetrade throughout the Empire while leaving the separate contracting parties free to make their own arrangements with regard to duties on foreign goods. Whatever the exact meaning of the proposals he has now in view may be it is abundantly clear that the Colonial Secretary clings to his creed of seven years ago that commercial union must be the basis of imperial federation. The great example, he said then, is offered by the German empire. It commenced in the union of two States in a commercial Zollverein. The other States joined them for commercial purposes. National objects and political interests began to be included in the discussions of the Reichsrath,—"and so, from starting as it did on a purely commercial basis and for commercial interests, it developed until it became a bond of unity and the foundation of the empire." Still tracing the working of Mr. Chamberlain's mind from his speeches we find him elsewhere applying this illustration to the case of Great Britain and its oversea dependencies. Commercial union throughout the empire, he told the Congress of Chambers of Commerce, would necessitate a council of the empire. To it he argued would naturally be remitted all questions of communication and of commercial law in which the whole Empire is mutually interested. From that would naturally follow the subject of imperial defence which, Mr. Chamberlain argued, is only another name for the protection of imperial commerce. From this, again, he drew the larger and all-embracing deduction that "gradually, therefore, by that prudent and experimental process by which all our greatest institutions have slowly been built up we should, I believe, approach to a result which would be little, if at all, distinguished from a real federation of the Empire."

We may gather from this what Mr. Chamberlain's ideal in its broader aspect means. It is interesting to notice how Canada bulks largely in his mind in these earlier stages as compared with the rest of Greater Britain. Thus we find him expressing a strong opinion against the suggestion of the Ottawa conference in 1894 that while the colonies should be left absolutely free to impose what protective duties they pleased both on foreign countries and on British commerce, they should be required to make a small discrimination in favour of British trade, in return for which Britain was to change its whole system and impose duties on food and raw material. Our cables this morning show that the Unionist papers attach importance to Mr. Balfour's statement that a trifling duty on food imports might become part of a general system which may or may not form a comment of considerable significance on this statement of Mr. Chamberlain. It is at such points that local considerations come in to discount large and more or less abstract ideals. What these are from our own point of view are touched upon to some extent in the reports of interviews we publish this morning, and in Sir William M'Millan's opinions given yesterday. His argument as an Australian and a freetrader is that Australia can do better without commercial restrictions. "It cannot be expected," he says, "that anything like the whole or perhaps even the larger portion of our trade in the years to come will be with Europe and the United Kingdom." Sir William's remarks are well worth attention, as pointing the distinction between that ideal Zollverein and imperial federation which Mr Chamberlain favours, and those practical and strictly local considerations so far as Australia is concerned which the Colonial Secretary in the fervour of his imperialism is inclined to overlook.

AN IMPROVED COASTAL SERVICE.

The appearance of a steamer like the Kanowna in the coastal trade of Australia is a noteworthy event in the history of these States. We have at last come to a point at which inter-state traffic is found to be sufficiently important to warrant accommodation of the highest class; and instead of the great mailboats monopolising the attention of fastidious travellers there is to be competition which must speedily divide the honours. The Kanowna compares with vessels of the Ophir class, except that she is held to be more comfortable. With a capacity of 7000 tons and a possible speed of 15½ knots she is bound to command a substantial share of the passengers who now patronise the mailboats, while also attracting a larger number of those who pass overland from State to State. This, of course, means successful competition with the P. and O. and Orient and other companies on the one side and the railways on the other, and its effect must be to stir up the responsible people to reconsider their positions. The fares by the mail steamers between State ports have been considerably higher than by the coastal steamers, and this fact has been rightly used by the companies concerned to prove that coloured labour does not unfairly compete with white labour in manning the vessels. Sir Edmund Barton's complacent repetition of the arguments of Mr. Watson and his friends has in this particular been shrewdly condemned. We may also note in passing that the appearance of the Kanowna, and her sister ship the Kyarra, still further turns the Prime Minister's echoings of labour contentions upside down. It is hardly likely that the Australasian Steam Navigation Company has ventured upon the enterprise now attracting so much attention because of a probable discouragement to outside companies through federal legislation. We prefer to believe that the trade on its merits is worth the broader treatment now being given it, and that the company can see substantial profits in a progressive policy. This is certainly the view which experience along the world's great trade routes should suggest. To stimulate traffic the best way is to make it cheap and comfortable. The Sydney electric tram system spells that fact out in large letters at the present moment, and the principle applies just as fully in the sphere of ocean travel.

Hence we are justified in congratulating the A.U.S.N. Company for its enterprise on the grounds of sound business rather than on the basis of Commonwealth spoon feeding. But the effect of this enterprise upon competing companies, and upon the inter-state railway systems, must be to raise the level of comfort and lower the level of cost. It will become a commonplace to travel between the ports of the Commonwealth with as much pleasure, and as economically in proportion, as between Australia and Europe, and indeed as between any given points by sea or land the world over. The train accommodation here is already very good, no doubt, but there is much left to be desired. Breaks of gauge and longer journeyings than express speeds justify are among the disabilities that overland passengers experience; and something remains to be furnished in the direction of dining cars and other conveniences of railway travel. All that America has done is at our disposal in this regard, and the new competition by sea is bound to raise the issue of improvements in land transit in the near future. Thus we see the real meaning of the new era heralded by the arrival of the Kanowna. Its interest, of course, lies also along the paths of comparison. It is not so long ago that all the communication between different parts of Australia was by sea. Small steamers have tossed many of us between port and port, and the days when the Governor Blackall was a fine steamer are still fresh in our memory. The rate at which the world is travelling is fast making such comparisons impossible, and eventually we shall have everything that everybody everywhere or anywhere enjoys and think nothing of it.

COUNTRY VERSUS TOWN.

The question raised by the hon. secretary of the Women's Political Association of the Goulburn district, in a letter which appears elsewhere in this issue, deserves widespread attention. Our correspondent, we should like to assume, thinks that the tendency everywhere is to discuss politics to the exclusion of the deeper interests of the State. We are heartily in sympathy with this view if one or two points be conceded in the general statement of claim. First then it should be admitted that the interests of country and town, broadly speaking, are identical. Each is dependent on the other. Mutual sympathy and assistance should be the natural relation of one to the other, since antagonism, suspicion, or even apathy, must retard progress and create friction. If our correspondent will allow this the rest is easy. She does so, practically, by placing the blame of any differences between country and town upon the politician. She says:—"With even so slight a knowledge of the political condition of New South Wales as newly enfranchised and awakened women may gather, it is apparent that a great deal of the political evil which has come upon us is due to the predominance of the metropolis." But this dictum is preceded by the reflection, as it is followed by the conclusion, that Sydney politicians and organisations have been responsible for the mischiefs that have arisen. What we wish clearly to bring out in such connection is the desirableness of establishing a basis of understanding between country and town; since it may be urged without much fear of successful contradiction that the difficulty lies in the fact that politics have been placed first in both town and country when they should come second to the great primary interests of the State. Sydney politicians may have been eager and grasping, but country politicians have been no less selfish and exacting.

What we want is to put the politician in both town and country into the back seats. There has been too much discussion of politics; and those who live by politics have been running things to suit themselves while the State as a whole has suffered. When the metropolis, therefore, is set in opposition to the country we are sure that this side of the question is uppermost in the writer's mind. What she is really calling for is co-operation. She wishes to see the women of New South Wales take a hand in reducing the politician to proper proportions, and every right-thinking man will endorse the idea that the time is ripe for such work. But this must, of necessity, take in the centres of population. Such co-operation as is needed can only come as its sphere is extended and as its scope is studied and appreciated. The town woman should have the same interest in clean administration and good government as the country woman. If the former is inclined to go in winkers and be driven by the city politician, it should be the latter's privilege and duty to emancipate her sister. Some objection may be taken to our view of the letter under review in that it definitely declares that the women of Goulburn have considered it advisable "to form a political association." They have condemned politics yet would enter politics. How then can they propose to place politics second? They have placed them first, we shall be told, and it is only a question of degree after all as between the politicians of opposite sex. But any body of electors that places clean administration and good government before everything must make room in front for the great primary interests of the State. What the country needs is such a development of its resources as shall in fact and seeming make the producer the first man in the State, as he is indeed, though elbowed back by the politician. What the town needs is prosperous districts behind it and the country accepted as the foundation of all true progress. The two needs go together, like hands to the body, and only clean administration and good government can satisfy them, or open the way for statesmen eager to do their best for the State. If the Women's Political Association of Goulburn will so interpret the word "politics," that the broad view of the development of our primary industries shall absorb or extinguish the narrow view of personal aggrandisement cherished by many members of Parliament, country and town may work heartily together and the metropolis be hand in hand with the centres of population behind.

THE MURDER OF CONSTABLE LONG.

After a long and patient trial Digby Grand and Henry Jones were yesterday found guilty of the murder of Constable Long at Auburn on January 19 last. The jury recommended both prisoners to mercy on the double ground that they did not know which of the two men actually killed the constable and that there might have been a third person implicated. The Judge, of course, undertook to forward the recommendation to the proper quarter, but he held out no hope of its being acted upon, and forthwith proceeded to pass sentence of death. Probably there are few who have followed the proceedings who will maintain that the jury could have returned any other verdict in the circumstances, and perhaps there are few who, remembering the cowardly way in which the constable was murdered in the execution of his duty, will agree that the verdict should have been accompanied with a recommendation to mercy. Presumably the fact is that the jury were loth to repose credence in the testimony given by the man Woolford in a matter of life and death. Apart from this evidence, however, there was ample proof that the accused persons were hardened offenders against the law, that they were burglars, and that they were engaged in burglary at the hotel in Auburn on the night when Constable Long was murdered. Not only so, but their defence was utterly flimsy. Their record was such that no unprejudiced person would consider it anything but certain that, being surprised in their attempted burglary, one of them murdered the constable. Which of them fired the shot is only known to themselves, but the law does not recognise the distinction of persons in a joint capital crime.

It was four months to a day since the murder that the guilty men were sentenced to death. Spurred perhaps to additional exertion by the memory of the fate of Constable Guilfoyle, the police made every effort to secure the persons who were concerned in the murder of Constable Long. Their efforts were for some time baffled, and we all remember with what keenness the various developments of the case were watched by the public. It is much to the credit of the police that the authors of the tragedy were brought to an account. When the first trial broke down through the alleged lack of memory of the principal witness for the Crown, the department was not disheartened, with the result that, when the trial which has now concluded took place the Court was in a position to sheet home the charges. But whilst it is satisfactory to learn that the persons guilty of the murder of Constable Long have been convicted it has to be remembered that this and many previous crimes would not have been committed if only New South Wales had adopted the protective provisions against the immigration of criminals which are in force in some of the other States. In Victoria, for instance, immigrants who have been convicted of capital or transportable felony elsewhere may be arrested and sentenced to imprisonment for a term of years. New South Wales receives these criminals freely, and it is not until they have resumed their career against the law that lanything can be done to them. The men yesterday convicted would probably never have come here from Victoria, where they were well-known to the police, if such a law were in force in New South Wales as is in force in Victoria.

To-day's "Herald."—Mr. Henry Lucy, whose letter "Life in London" appears on page 5 of this issue, refers, amongst other matters, to the situation brought about by the forcing of the Penrhyn miners trouble before the attention of Parliament. He describes it as a sort of political skirmish, which the Prime Minister almost effusively welcomed. Something is also said in reference to Mr. Chamberlain and the way in which he came out of what was really a trying ordeal under unfavourable health conditions in South Africa. Mr. Lucy clears away some wrong impressions regarding perjuities or fees supposed to be received by members of the House of Commons, and he relates a story of a painter who has achieved such success that he has been installed in the Throne Room of Buckingham Palace, with all the properties of Royal robes and jewels at his disposal, the King granting him sittings regularly. An Australian lady, who has returned from a holiday visit to England, contributes a descriptive article which will also be found on page 5. The writer, in an interesting manner, relates the impressions she received during her travels.

The "Sydney Mail."—Our readers have been well posted during the past week regarding the dramatic episodes of the Victorian railway strike. A special photographer of the "Mail" was sent down on the 8th instant and went through the thick of the exciting scenes, using his camera freely and skilfully. The result is shown in this week's "Mail," which may be regarded as an illustrated edition of what is now an historic convulsion of labour. Seven pages of the issue contain some 30 graphic sun pictures. Some of them deal with episodes of the journey down—passengers out sanding greased rails so that the engine wheels may "bite," incidents at stations, and the like. There are snapshots of the Ministers, the railway officers, the strikers, the assembled crowds, the Yarra bank meetings, the various conferences—all exceptionally good. One highly interesting picture is the result of a flashlight photograph taken of the serried ranks of the strikers at the concert at the Trades Hall. By a coincidence it was taken immediately before Mr. Hart made his fateful announcement of surrender, when the intent faces shown in the photograph were contorted with anger. Altogether the collection of topical pictures serves as an excellent pictorial record. We have heard a great deal of late as to the value of lucerne. Some very fine pictures in this issue show what is done with lucerne in the famous Hunter River valley lands. There are pictures of the new defence force uniforms, portraits of the four veteran Presbyterian ministers recently honoured (Rev. Drs. Cameron and Bruce and Revs. Messrs. Gordon and Cameron), illustrations of the visit of the Minister for Works to Condobolin, views around Emmaville, the ship Senator and Captain Sutherland, relating to which a sad story has been told, &c.

Executive Council.—His Excellency the Governor presided over a meeting of the Executive Council held yesterday in the Colonial Secretary's Buildings. All the members of the Government were present, with the exception of the Minister for Lands, Mr. W. P. Crick, who is absent in Melbourne. The business transacted was not of an important character, and was disposed of in a few minutes.

The State Treasurer.—Mr. T. Waddell left last evening on a short visit to his electorate, with the object of seeing the condition of the country after the recent rains, and also meeting his constituents in two of the principal centres of population,—namely, Carcoar and Forest Reefs. At the latter place Mr. Waddell will address a meeting of his constituents, but will not deal with the finances. He will return to Sydney on Friday morning.

Loan Expenditure on Harbour Works.—The Minister for Works stated yesterday that the dismissal of a number of the workmen employed on the harbour works at Port Kembla was due to the necessity for curtailing loan expenditure on such works. The Minister explained that a similar course was being followed in the case of other harbour works along the South Coast at Bateman's Bay and Moruya. In the case of the harbour works along the North Coast at the Manning River, Camden Haven, the Macleay, Nambucca, and the Bellinger, a similar curtailment of work has been ordered. On the Clarence, Richmond, and Tweed rivers, the money voted for harbour works will all be absorbed shortly after the close of the financial year. The Minister stated that if any trouble arose over the dismissal of men from the harbour works he would be inclined to employ them in two batches during alternate weeks, or a fortnight, at the rate of four days each week. In that way none of the men would be left absolutely without employment. The Minister is of opinion that, even if the North Coast railway is constructed, it will be necessary to keep the northern harbours open for the conveyance to Sydney by water of produce that could not be sent by train.

Additional Electric Power.—The consideration of the question of providing additional electric power at the Ultimo station for the purpose of enabling the Railway Commissioners to undertake the completion of the conversion of the steam tramways into electric traction, was resumed at a meeting of the Cabinet held yesterday. The Railway Commissioners were again summoned to assist the deliberations of the Cabinet by explaining the exact position of affairs at the central power station. Although it was impossible to obtain an official statement on the subject from the Premier, owing to his sudden departure from his office last evening whilst the representative of the "Herald" was waiting to see him, it was learned that the Cabinet approved of the Commissioners creating three additional engines on the foundations already provided, as well as installing the necessary boiler power and dynamos. It is stated this will involve an expenditure of about £100,000.

Advertising on Ferry Approaches.—An application having been received for the right to erect advertising signs on the fences and buildings on each side of the ferry punt at Grafton, the whole question as to whether the approaches to Government ferries should be let for advertising purposes has been considered by the Minister for Works. He has decided, with a view to augmenting revenue from a service which is worked at a loss, to adopt this method of utilising the approaches.

The Liquor Law.—Representatives from the Licensed Victuallers' Association will wait upon the Treasurer at 3 p.m. on Friday, with the object of urging upon him the desirability of incorporating certain amendments in the Licensing Act Amendment Bill, which was introduced into the Legislative Assembly last session.

The Government and Labour Interests.—Another proof of the earnest desire of the Government to perform any little act of kindness which has the backing of the P.L.L. was afforded yesterday, when Sir John See promised a miners' deputation—which was strongly reinforced by labour members—that possibly the first bill of next session would be one to compel colliery owners to pay for the getting of coal according to its weight. This deputation demanded with some warmth to know when Parliament was going to meet. They had some grievances for redress. The Premier was clearly not disposed to temporise with his important visitors, and promised that Parliament would meet early in June. He added, half apologetically, that the recess had not been a very long one, and he did not know after all that the country had suffered by it. The deputation scolded Mr. Wise, who was present, for withdrawing the amending Coalmines Bill from the Council last session. The Attorney-General did not take his castigation kindly, and his interviewers listened politely to some solid reasons why their request for a number of arbitration courts with trade assessors on the bench and without lawyers at the Bar did not commend itself to him just now.

The City Council.—At its meeting last night the City Council dealt with a variety of matters, most of them of comparatively little importance. In view of the discovery of plague-infected rats within the city boundary the Lord Mayor made a suggestion that the health committee be empowered to order necessary works to be done, the council afterwards indemnifying it for its action, and the necessary power was given. It was also resolved that the Lord Mayor be authorised to urge the Premier to carry out the works promised in Parliament when the Darling Harbour resumptions were made, notably the construction of a rat-proof retaining wall; and the Mayor was also commissioned to inquire when the low-level sewerage system was likely to be completed. On the motion of Alderman Fitzgerald a resolution was carried affirming the expediency of creating a parks and recreation committee to take control of the parks. In answer to a question early in the evening the Lord Mayor said the council was likely soon to be in difficulties as regards the supply of wood blocks for the streets.

Renaming the City Streets.—At last night's meeting of the City Council a motion was submitted by Alderman Fitzgerald that some of the principal streets of the city be renamed—George-street, Castlereagh-street, King-street, and one or two others. He proposed other names in place of them, with a view of perpetuating the names of Wentworth, Kendall, and some of our other historical worthies, but the council would not look at the matter in the same light as he did, and summarily negatived his motion.

Redfern and the Electric Light.—The system of electric lighting in vogue in the streets of Redfern has not given general satisfaction for a long time, and on many occasions the local council has endeavoured to make improvements in various directions. Recently several of the aldermen were in Tasmania on a visit, and while there they were struck with the marked advance in the system in use in the streets of Hobart and Launceston. The matter was discussed at the last meeting of the Redfern Council, when on the motion of the Mayor (Alderman Parkes), the following resolution was agreed to,—"That it be referred to the lighting committee to report on the advisability of erecting one circuit of 25 arc lamps in the streets of the borough, viz., four in each ward and one in Redfern Park, at a probable cost of £485."

A Customs Appeal.—The argument in the case of Donohue v. Manufacturers' Agency, Limited, was concluded before Mr. Justice Pring in Chambers yesterday. The defendants had been charged under the 159th section of the Federal Customs Act with having in their possession certain blank invoice forms capable of being filled up and used as genuine invoices. The evidence at the police court went to show that the forms in question were forwarded to the defendants by a firm of manufacturers in Halifax (England), for whom they were agents. The magistrate, on grounds raised by defendants' counsel, dismissed the information, and the prosecutor appealed. His Honor dismissed the appeal with costs, being of opinion that the decision of the magistrate was correct. The 159th section provided that "no person shall send or bring into Australia, or have in his possession, without reasonable excuse, any blank or partly blank invoice forms capable of being filled up and used as genuine invoices," and his Honor said it would be a monstrous thing if the defendants were liable to conviction because their principals in response to a letter sent out something which was in contravention of the Act of Parliament.

Work of the Arbitration Court.—On Monday we published some information as to the work done by the Arbitration Court during the past year.

SPECIAL CABLES.

FROM THE "HERALD'S" LONDON CORRESPONDENTS.

THE MASSACRE OF RUSSIAN JEWS.

INCREDIBLY GHASTLY ATROCITIES.

4000 FAMILIES HOMELESS.

LONDON, May 18.

Mr. Alexander, president of the London committee of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, and Sir J. S. Montefiore, president of the Anglo-Jewish Association, have supplied details of the massacre of Jews at Kishineff, Southern Russia.

Fifteen streets were sacked, and 4000 families rendered homeless.

The official report admits that 700 houses and 600 shops were pillaged, that 43 persons were killed, and 474 others wounded.

Children were flung out of windows into the streets.

Many women were outraged and horribly mutilated. Some of the atrocities were incredibly ghastly.

The cables published in yesterday's issue reported that a newspaper at Kishineff had inflamed the people of the city against the Jews by the accusation that they were guilty of a ritual murder, and that they were addicted to vice. Perhaps the best known accusation of the so-called ritual murder occurred at Konitz in Eastern Prussia, the assertion being that a Christian child had been deliberately murdered as a part of Jewish ceremonial. The most violent hatred was shown against the Jews on that occasion. Similar accusations were brought a few years ago in the Rhine province at Xanten and in Hungary. In all cases the affair by stern judicial proceedings was proved unfounded.

THE BULGARIAN MINISTRY.

NATIONALIST CABINET FORMED.

LONDON, May 19.

The political crisis in Bulgaria has ended by the formation of a Stambulovist (Nationalist) Cabinet. General Petroff, who was Minister for War in the Danoff Cabinet, has accepted the position of Premier, and has taken the office of Minister for Foreign Affairs. M. Petkoff, who failed to form a Ministry a few days ago, is Minister for the Interior.

GERMANY.

MINISTER FOR WAR RESIGNS.

VIOLENT SCENE WITH THE KAISER.

LONDON, May 18.

The "Berliner Tageblatt" states that the resignation of General von Gossler, the Prussian Minister for War, was due to the German Emperor's disgust at the Minister's boundless arrogance and his treating high officers as if he were a mighty potentate. A violent scene occurred between the Emperor and the Minister.

THE KING'S LEVEE.

LONDON, May 19.

The King yesterday held a levee which was attended by 1200 gentlemen. Mr. H. Copeland, the Agent-General for New South Wales, was present.

THE WOOL SALES.

LONDON, May 18.

At the wool sales to-day prices for medium crossbreds tended upwards. Continental buyers are taking the bulk of merinos at extreme rates.

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At the wool sales yesterday the following prices were realised for the undermentioned clips:—Patorangi, 7d; Pare, 8¾d; Whees, 11½d; Felton, 12¼; Bolong, 13d.

THE NATIVE QUESTION IN SOUTH AFRICA.

INFLUX OF COLOURED ALIENS.

LORD MILNER URGES RESISTANCE.

LONDON, May 19.

Lord Milner, at the opening of the congress of municipalities of Johannesburg, urged the delegates to discuss the native question from the unassailable ground of civilisation and not colour.

Civilised natives he said, were entitled to municipal rights. The question of political rights would be reserved for the consideration of the Legislature elected by whites.

Continuing, Lord Milner said that the influx of Asiatics ought to be resisted for social and economic reasons, not for reasons of colour.

But the civilised and educated Asiatics must not be deprived, he would not say of their political rights, but of other privileges which whites enjoyed.

THE TRANSVAAL LOAN.

IMMENSE BLOCK APPLICATIONS.

LONDON, May 19.

Mr. C. T. Ritchie, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, in the House of Commons last night, referring to the Transvaal loan of £30,000,000, for which applications amounted to £1,174,000,000, said that the applications included 145 of £1,000,000 each, 89 of £1,000,000 and upwards each, five of £5,000,000 each, five of £10,000,000 each, and four of £20,000,000 and upwards each.

THE SOMALILAND OPERATIONS

THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE MULLAH.

LONDON, May 19.

Mr. St. John Brodrick, the Secretary of State for War, announced in the House of Commons last night that Brigadier-General Manning, who is conducting the operations against the Mullah Abdullah in Somaliland, had been instructed to concentrate at Robotile, from which place he would operate in future.

A rumour, Mr. Brodrick added, had reached the British forces that the Abyssinians had driven the Mullah to the north. The Abyssinians had not appeared at Galadi, and Brigadier-General Manning had been allowed discretion to maintain the post at that place.

THE DERBY BETTING.

LONDON, May 19.

The betting on the Derby, to be run on the 27th instant, is as follows:—5 to 4 on Rock Sand, 6 to 1 v. Vinicius, 7 to 1 v. Flotsam.

GENERAL CABLE NEWS.

LONDON, May 19.

Mr. C. C. Lance, the New South Wales Government Commercial Agent in England, has visited the Hygienic Milk Exhibition at Hamburg. He is greatly impressed with the advanced scientific dairying methods.

The bill introduced into the House of Lords by Lord Davey, having for its object the suppression of street betting, based on the report of the Betting Commission, has been rejected by the House by 48 votes to 39.

An official return of the peace establishment shows that the units of the first three Army Corps are complete, and that the volunteer brigades of the Fourth Army Corps have been adequately "stiffened" by regulars.

PREFERENTIAL TRADE.

VIEWS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

AN INEVITABLE POLICY.

THE FEDERATION OF THE EMPIRE.

BY COMMERCIAL UNITY.

LONDON, May 18.

The "Cape Times" states that Mr. Chamberlain has set a new current in the stream of national feeling. It is the first definite avowal of a policy which is destined inevitably to be adopted.

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Sir J. Gordon Sprigg, the Premier of Cape Colony, has declined to express an opinion on Mr. Chamberlain's speech.

Sir Albert Hime, the Premier of Natal, has stated that he is in favour of the adoption of a preferential tariff for Great Britain and of reciprocal treatment.

Sir A. Hime added that the Bloemfontein Intercolonial Conference had, in discussing preferential treatment of British goods, considered the probability of Continental retaliation, which, however, had not registered sufficient weight to deter the delegates from passing their resolutions in favour of preferential trade.

Lord Milner, the High Commissioner for South Africa, when asked his views, said it would be improper for him to express an opinion on Mr. Chamberlain's policy. It was quite obvious, however, he said, that the feeling in South Africa in favour of a preferential tariff would be greatly strengthened if the motherland showed appreciation of the resolutions adopted by the Bloemfontein conference.

Dr. T. W. Smartt, formerly Commissioner for Public Works in the Sprigg Cabinet, and now the leader of the Progressives in the Cape Parliament, says that Mr. Chamberlain's speech is the most masterly delivered for many and many a day. It is, he states, the only policy whereby the Empire can be federated as it realises the necessity, apart from sentiment, of the bonds of commercial unity.

Mr. J. H. Hoffmeyr, the Afrikander leader, in the course of an interview, said that he agreed with Mr. Chamberlain if the speech implied the adoption of reciprocal tariffs between the colonies and the motherland, and he was inclined to think that the Cape Parliament would adhere to the preference proposals of the Bloemfontein conference if the admission or the exclusion of the Cape from the South African Customs Union was dependent upon their acceptance. Nevertheless, he added, any one-sided preference would hardly endure.

The Bloemfontein Conference recommended a preference of 10 per cent. in the Customs duties in favour of Great Britain and those colonies which reciprocate as against the outside world.

FAVOURED IN CANADA.

LONDON, May 19.

Many interviews with Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the Premier of Canada, on Mr. Chamberlain's speech, appear in the Canadian press.

Lord Strathcona, High Commissioner for Canada, says that the speech supplies food for serious consideration throughout the length and breadth of the Empire, indicating, as it does, a domestic trade policy for the Empire on a mutual basis.

THE PRIME MINISTER AND MR. CHAMBERLAIN.

IS THERE A DIVERGENCE?

LONDON, May 18.

Most of the Unionist newspapers trace a certain sympathy between Mr. A. J. Balfour's and Mr. Chamberlain's views in regard to the Empire's finest unity. They point to the Premier's statement that though such a union might be difficult he would regard the consummation with unfeigned pleasure, and his adding that a trifling duty on food imports might be part of a general system.

The Opposition newspapers insist upon a divergence between the Premier's and Mr. Chamberlain's policies. They state that the latter's policy would precipitate Imperial disunion.

STATEMENT BY MR. H. COPELAND.

A FAR-REACHING IMPERIAL POLICY.

LONDON, May 19.

Mr. H. Copeland, the Agent-General for New South Wales, considers that Mr. Chamberlain's speech is the most important made in the interests of the Empire for many years. It portrays a far-reaching Imperial policy. Once a Customs union is established, Mr. Copeland states, it will conserve Imperial trade in Imperial channels instead of scattering it broadcast among the nations anxious to strangle our trade in their own interests.

England, the Agent-General states, has never had freetrade. She has only had a free purchasing market, not a free selling market.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. CHAMBERLAIN.

LONDON, May 19.

Mr. Chamberlain has received hundreds of letters and telegrams and many personal visits, congratulating him upon his speech at Birmingham.

OPINIONS IN GERMANY.

SELF-SUFFICING BRITISH EMPIRE IMPOSSIBLE.

FACING A TARIFF WAR.

LONDON, May 19.

The gist of further opinions in Germany regarding Mr. Chamberlain's proposals is that a self-sufficing British Empire is impossible, and that any favour shown to the colonies, no matter how material, will be detrimental to industry from a competitive standpoint, and that Germany is better able to face a tariff war with Great Britain than Great Britain is to face a tariff war with Germany.

Some German new-papers imply that the price of Germany's friendship should be our acquiescence in the injury of our own interests.

In this connection the "Vossische Zeitung" pointedly remarks that Mr. Chamberlain's advice to England and the colonies will scarcely conduce to the improvement of Germany's political relations with Great Britain.

DOMESTIC AFFAIRS OF THE EMPIRE.

GERMANY'S AUDACITY.

LONDON, May 18.

The "Times," commenting on the penalisation of Canada's commerce, condemns Germany's astounding audacity in denying the right of the British Empire to manage its domestic affairs.

AMERICAN COMMENDATION.

LONDON, May 18.

Mr. G. W. Smalley, the New York correspondent of the "Times," states that the American newspapers applaud Mr. Chamberlain's genius and political sagacity. They consider that his policy is the starting point of a new epoch.

REMARKS BY SIR E. BARTON.

APPLAUDS MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S SPEECH.

THE NECESSITY OF LARGE CUSTOMS REVENUES.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

Sir E. Barton made the following statement today in reference to Mr. Chamberlain's speech at Birmingham on the subject of preferential trade within the Empire:—"Accepting the condensed report in the press as presumably unaffected by the context which we have not yet received I fail to see why all the friends of cohesion of the Empire should not agree with Mr. Chamberlain's utterances. For the first time it is specifically laid down by a powerful British Minister that the United Kingdom ought not to stand by and see any part of Greater Britain punished by foreigners for preferring their kinsmen, that the interests of the partners in the Empire are paramount over fiscal theories, and that threats of retaliation are made on the assumption of a contrary view, and would be idle vapourings if the whole Empire were prepared to defend its cohesion in trade as well as in territory.

"The principle is not affected because in its application we cannot ignore the fact that the great colonies like Canada and Australia must necessarily raise large Customs revenues, and at the same time protect their own industries. Within the operation of that necessity there is room for trade preferences in the productions of the Empire, whether in food supply or in finished manufactures. It is idle to say that the preference to be effective must amount to the prohibition of the foreign import. That Canada's preference has been effective, and may be made more so, Germany admits by her threats. Yet Canada does not by any means prohibit importation from Germany."

Sir E. Barton has caused this statement to be cabled to the London press.

OPINIONS OF POLITICIANS.

Mr. Chamberlain's speech on the question of preferential trade in the colonies has been much talked of in Sydney political circles, but so far only few gentlemen are prepared to discuss the possibilities of the situation. Messrs. Carruthers, leader of the State Opposition, and Hogue and Ashton, members of that party, are among exceptions to that rule, and their views are now given.

A FISCAL DILEMMA.

Mr. Carruthers put his views thus:—"The difficulty is to see how England is to establish preferential relations with her colonies unless she brings in a protective tariff against the world. Practically it means the commitment of England to a partial protective policy or a retaliatory policy, which opens the very serious argument whether in endeavouring to establish a preferential trade relationship with her colonies at the cost of a restriction of her trade with other countries England would not be the loser. I feel absolutely to see how the scheme can be established without a change in the English tariff, and, call it what you may, the change would be towards protection. I have always held that, in view of the fact that England presents the open door to the colonies and their productions, even the most bitterly protective part of her Empire should reciprocate by opening its doors to England. Unfortunately, that view is not shared by those who advocate the tariffs of the various colonies and the tariffs of the Empire. Mr. Chamberlain undoubtedly wishes to create a lever by which he can compel the adoption of that view, and although he does not definitely say that that lever shall be a protective tariff in England, still until he makes fuller explanation that is the only one that common sense minds can realise. I think the statement that England gains more by having a freetrade tariff than she could possibly gain by having protection in any shape or form has been proved over and over again, and the argument is the same, even if protection were accompanied by preferential trade relations with any other portions of the Empire."

A BRITISH ZOLLVEREIN.

Mr. Hogue said:—"I have read with no ordinary interest the cabled report of Mr. Chamberlain's speech at Birmingham on the Imperial policy, in which that great Minister declared in favour of preferential trade within the Empire. Such a declaration coming from so powerful a Minister, one who says he is still a freetrader, and who has done more perhaps than any statesman since the time of Chatham to make England feared and respected, must carry great weight throughout the British dominions. We can no profess to be surprised at the profound interest which this Birmingham deliverance has excited both at home and abroad. It will be hailed with acclamation by protectionists, as well as by those persons of uncertain economic bias who will call themselves fair-traders, and who favour the peculiarly German notion of an Imperial Zollverein. It will also, I make no doubt, be welcomed by that narrow circle of political economists who are yet swayed by the declining influence of the "Saturday Review." It will probably, as far as "Standard" says, be the starting point of a new development in party relations. But I await with no misgivings expressions of opinion in the mother country, which, I venture to think, will carry even more weight with the British public on this particular question than the newly formed opinions of Mr. Chamberlain. What Mr. Chamberlain really aims at is a British Zollverein, which I take to mean a fixed association of all parts of the Empire, with freetrade within its boundaries, and a protectionist tariff against the rest of the world. That, mind, is not what is commercially "preferential trade," or by any other name, in my humble judgment would mean a protectionist policy, even though it might bear the sponsorship of the great name of a freetrader like Mr. Chamberlain. This movement for a preferential tariff, which springs largely from the influence of protectionist Canada, is in my opinion, strikes at the foundation of that enlightened policy which has enabled that little corner of the world called Great Britain to take an easy lead of all the nations of the earth in commerce, in colonisation, and in all that makes for material prosperity and a consolidated Empire. The policy now threatened is one which has been the fixed fiscal creed of the most profound thinkers in Great Britain during the best part of the last century. Von can scarcely name one British statesman of note from the time of Peel's conversion to the present day who has not been convinced that the marvellous prosperity of Great Britain since the abolition of the corn laws could never have been attained but for her enlightened policy of free trade. The success of the freetrade policy in the mother country, it is not too much to say, can be proved to demonstration. It may be seen in the marvellous growth of British commerce; in the enormous increase of population, and the improved condition of that population as compared with the miserable condition of the small nation during the protectionist time; in the tremendous increase in the public revenue, even during the three years' Boer war; in the greater taxpaying power of the people of the United Kingdom; in higher wages, better employment, and shorter hours of labour; and, to name in every phase of national life from which comparisons can be made. The people have been better housed, clothed, and fed than they were during the time that they were taxed from the cradle to the grave in the vain hope of making them rich by raising the price of bread and clothing, and making employment scarce. It has been shown over and over again that from the day England opened her ports to the products of the despised foreign lands her prosperity increased by leaps and bounds. But how is Australia to gain (which is the more immediately interesting thing for us here) by an Imperial Zollverein, or by this notion of preferential tariff? No doubt the thing has a taking sound. It seems to ring a note of nationality, of patriotism. But it is a false note, and will never harmonise with the true note by which the nations of the earth have risen towards prosperity, and the higher civilisation. Now, the view I take of preferential tariffs as affecting Australia is this: Australia cannot afford to sacrifice her great and growing trade with Europe and other foreign countries. That her trade at Germany, France, Holland, Belgium, the United States, Japan, and her other foreign customers, and what is to become of our wool and coal trade? Shut out our foreign customers from selling to us—as you will by preferential tariffs and buy and sell only within the Empire, and you shut out foreign countries from buying from us. Australia is a great food-producing, wool-producing, and coal-producing country. We sell largely to the foreigner all these things and in the future we will sell still more. Does it not stand to reason that the more of our great natural products we sow from the soil and sell to the rest of the world the more employment we give to our people, the better wages our workers earn, the more prosperous we become. It is a pretty sentiment, no doubt, this preferential notion. I yield to no one in my own humble attachment to our great nation, and in the wish for the stability and permanence of its prosperity; but I do not see how we are to increase our prosperity or add to the strength and stability of the Empire by standing aloof from the rest of the world and going on our own. The aboriginal tribe do that. It is because there is plainly discernible in this move for preferential trade the first step towards the undermining of the enlightened policy by which the mother land won her proud position of pre-eminence that I regret the weighty pronouncement made at Birmingham in its favour. It is to my mind a distinct backward move, and I hope that even the great name now associated with it will not be allowed to carry weight against the sober dictates of reason and the teachings of experience."

FRAUGHT WITH GRAVE DANGERS.

"Assuming that the scheme is for low rates between the colonies and the Empire, and a higher tariff for countries outside," Mr. Ashton said, "I am totally against it on other than economic grounds. I believe that a policy of commercial isolation on the part of the British Empire is fraught with grave dangers. I have no desire to see the British Empire pitted against the rest of the nations of the world, and I believe that England, notwithstanding her great dominions abroad, or her vast expanse of dominion overseas, has maintained amicable relations with other Powers by reason of the fact that the commerce of the Powers has met on an equal footing with that of England herself. Let England adopt a policy which has as its object the exclusion of all Powers but herself from the trade of her overseas dominions, and the result must be a very serious irritation to those Powers which at present share in the Empire's trade, and possibly a world-wide combination against us. These considerations are so important as in my judgment to entirely overshadow the merely economic aspect of the question, and I believe it would be in the best interests of the Empire if each section of it depended for the maintenance of empire trade upon the natural bonds which tie the various portions of the nation together rather than upon the irritating methods of an artificial Customs system."

MINISTERS DECLINE TO SPEAK.

An extraordinary degree of reticence was observed by Ministers when questioned on the point as to whether or not they desired to express an opinion regarding the speech by Mr. Joseph Chamberlain at Birmingham in favour of preferential trade between the various units of the British Empire. In each instance the Minister spoken to said that he did not wish to make any remarks on the matter.

MERCHANTS GENERALLY ANTAGONISTIC

A BACKWARD MOVE OF FREETRADE.

Mr. Chamberlain's speech, particulars of which appeared in yesterday's cable news, received a mixed reception among merchants. Those who had imperialistic tendencies would like to get further information. Until they know the details of the proposal of the Secretary for the Colonies they are not prepared to commit themselves. The majority of merchants, however, rather take the view of Sir William Macmillan, as pronounced by him in his speech before the Australasian Chamber of Commerce in London. They regard an Imperial Zollverein as a backward movement from a freetrade standpoint. While admitting the benefits that would accrue from freetrade within the Empire, they point out that the Commonwealth does an important and growing business with foreign countries, and that in future, with the greater development of these States, it is probable that a still larger share of foreign trade will fall into the hands of the Commonwealth. This development would, it is considered, be prejudiced were any attempt made to preferentially treat the produce and manufactures of the Empire. On the whole, it may be said that opinions are not favourable to Chamberlain's ideas. Other questions of federal finance were also raised. But the most important objection that merchants urge against the Imperial Zollverein is that it would involve a further unsettlement of our fiscal system which has now too long had a hampering effect on trade. For years New South Wales has suffered from intervals of freetrade and protective tariffs. Neither system was allowed to impress its benefits for long. Those manufacturers especially who believe in protection and who sought to build up industries under its auspices were afraid to invest capital on the unstable conditions that so long prevailed. Now both freetraders and protectionists look for some settlement, and anything that is likely to disturb existing conditions can meet with no approval at their hands. Even extreme freetraders have been so hampered through the constantly changing conditions that they cry for settlement first and freetrade afterwards.

THE HON. J. S. LARKE'S OPINION.

The Hon. J. S. Larke (Canadian Commissioner) yesterday expressed his views on Mr. Chamberlain's proposals to a representative of the "Herald." Mr. Larke said that he did not think Australia would be influenced by what Canada had done in the way of approving of Mr. Chamberlain's scheme. The purpose of Canada was to demonstrate the unity of the Empire and develop its resources. The South African war was worth its cost in money as a factor in proving this unity. Some nations had accepted the teaching, but others, like Germany, believed that the actions of the colonies in that war were the impulse of the moment, and that the union would not stand the strain of the selfishness of trade. The rulers of Germany knew that the Zollverein made the German Empire a possibility, and without its policy of preferential trade to all within the Empire the United States would have disintegrated long before the Civil War. Germany knew the binding power of the network of interchange, but in her ambition was opposed to others being benefitted by a similar policy. Canada regarded Great Britain as the head of the Empire, and as such possession being its necessary part. The great asset of the Empire was its people. For over a century the bulk of the emigrants from Britain had gone to foreign shores to build up rival nations. Canada believed that there was room for such people under the flag of the Empire, and would benefit by its trade more than Canada, which had its outlet by sea direct or through the United States. Here it was different. Without the British fleet half a dozen fast cruisers could lock up Australia's ports and unsettle business in an incredibly short time. Another drought would. Australia needed more aid in the development of its resources than Canada. It wanted men and money to bring out the wealth in and under its soil. Canada was getting both abundantly, while unfortunately Australia was losing them. There was nothing to fear from foreign nations if Mr. Chamberlain's policy was carried into effect. Germany was playing the game of bluff as it did in the South African trouble. Britain then refused to be paralysed by the menace of the Hague, and Germany afterwards congratulated Britain on the peace and the extension of its Empire. So it would be in this case. Only good could come of it. Just as the federalisation of Canada was a step towards the federalisation of the Empire so would the latter step towards the federalisation of mankind. Australia was scarcely ripe for the fruition of Mr. Chamberlain's policy. The mass of the people had not thought about it, and some of those who talked about it had not thought it right out. Australians were only just beginning to look beyond their own little State environments. Did any one doubt that Australia would have been richer if 50 years ago it had adopted intercolonial freetrade? Even under the Commonwealth the Constitution had placed such restrictions upon intercolonial commerce that business had not yet begun to feel the advantage of it, yet this was a broader and greater policy. With regard to the question whether the Commonwealth Government if approving of Mr. Chamberlain's policy should introduce a measure to give effect to it, he would say that in a free country no Government could always get its own way even where it was right. It was therefore often necessary to wait in order to win. But a great statesman should also be a great teacher in order that he might be a great leader. Australians were not slow to learn when beneficial teaching was done in earnest.

MR. O. C. BEALE'S OPINION.

Mr. O. C. Beale, president of the Chamber of Manufactures, remarked: "It has been said that the most conspicuous man on the planet is the German Emperor, but of late more eyes are turned on the energetic screw-maker of Birmingham, and should it happen that the two enter the lists in the world's arena as opponents there will be a spectacle for gods and men. Up to the present we have no word from that outspoken monarch as to his views or intentions regarding British Imperial reciprocity. The Kaiser has always shown himself to be a man of peace and a diplomatist in that regard of the very first calibre. He knows that the essence of management is to manage men and therefore we may expect that with the assistance of his most astute and perhaps the most unscrupulous of his counsellors he will keep his nation out of such foolish temerity as a commercial war with the British Empire. For Germany might as well tax Mr gold as tax our merino wool by way of reprisal, the one being as exchangeable as the other. The same holds good of our marsupial skins and other raw materials which together constitute the bulk of our exports to Germany. The essential principle of protection is to tax importations which displace local production. But Germany does not and cannot produce the articles named, therefore to tax them from our shores would tend to raise the cost of her manufactured goods to her own detriment in the world's markets. Whatever Sir William M'Millan and Senator Pulsford may say, it is certain that Mr. Chamberlain well weighs the above-stated self-evident facts.

"There is no sentiment in business. To the mere trader it is ubi bene, ibi patria, and that bent of mind in these matters sways the judgment. It is useless, however, for mercantile croakers to resist the march of development and the drawing together of our Empire. We have at last in unmistakable terms that the Government of the mother country desires reciprocity, and will meet us where and how she can. There will be no zollverein all at once, but there will be treaties between New Zealand and Australia, between both of these with South Africa and Canada, and perhaps concurrently with Great Britain. That will be treatrade in its real meaning of free exchange, as quite opposed to the conception current in Sydney which is hunted to free imports. Why not thus arrive step by step at unrestricted trade in the Empire. Compare reciprocity was good for the German Confederation, but progress has exceeded the rosiest dreams of her statesmen in 1870, hence it should be equally good for our Empire and for stronger reasons. The chief of these reasons are that cohesion is still more urgent for us, because of our wide geographical and ethnological separation and because of our being, if needs arise, self-sufficing."

MR. QUONG TART'S VIEWS.

Mr. Quong Tart said he hoped that Mr. Chamberlain's pronouncement regarding preferential trade with the Empire would not mean that trade with China would be hampered. China had been dictated to by all the great nations and compelled to throw her ports open to foreign trade, and it would be hard upon her if she found heavy protective tariffs imposed upon her silk, cotton, rice, and tea. People in the southern part of China had a high opinion of England, and anything that tended towards disturbing that kindly feeling should not be too rapidly rushed into a nation's programme. China was able to do without the goods of other countries, but other countries could not get on without her products. He hoped that the open-door policy would never be departed from.

THE UNITED STATES CONSUL.

Mr. Orlando Baker, Consul for the United States, on being asked his opinion upon the pronouncement of Mr. Chamberlain, said: "I don't think I ought to say anything about it, as it concerns the British Empire alone as yet."

SECOND EDITION

THE FEDERAL PARLIAMENT.

FORECAST OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.

PROGRAMME FOR THE SESSION.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

The Prime Minister is now busily employed in preparing the draft of the speech which the Governor-General will deliver in opening the Federal Parliament on Tuesday next. Sir Edmund Barton hopes to complete the draft so that it may be perused by his Excellency upon his return from Sydney on Saturday. To some extent the speech will naturally be retrospective. It will allude to the events of the recess, and will contain an outline of the proposals of Ministers for the coming session. Reference will be made to the departure from Australia of Lord Hopetoun, the first Governor-General of the Commonwealth, and the services which he rendered to the federation of the Empire when discharging the duties of that high office. Lord Tennyson's appointment as successor to Lord Hopetoun for a period of at least 12 months will also be alluded to. Sir Edmund Barton's participation in the conference of Premiers of the self-governing colonies, which opened in London on June 30, 1902, will form the subject of a paragraph in which it will be claimed that the conferences, although perhaps falling short of popular anticipation, will be productive of lasting good to the Empire. Parliament will be asked to ratify the resolution arrived at in respect to an increased subsidy for an improved and a more modern Australian auxiliary squadron. Stress will be laid upon the fact that the financial exigencies of the union will not admit of the formation of an Australian navy during the operation of the bookkeeping sections of the Constitution. At the same time it will be pointed out that the agreement is only for 10 years, and terminable thereafter on two years' notice, and that it in no way prevents the Commonwealth establishing a navy of its own at the expiration of this period.

The subject of preferential trade within the Empire which was also debated at the Conference will be touched upon, and in the same connection the Legislature will be invited to pass a law relating to navigation, more especially in reference to the Australian trade reservation and the regulation of wages. Turning to the finances of the Commonwealth it will probably be claimed that they are in a satisfactory condition. The tariff which Ministers promised should operate protectively as well as in the production of revenue will be said to have served this double purpose to the greatest possible extent in the abnormal conditions which have obtained in all the States in consequence of the protracted droughts. It may possibly be implied that Ministers will not propose to alter the schedule even where they consider it susceptible of improvement, to make a final choice during the ensuing session. The speech will in all likelihood repeat the announcement made in the Governor-General's inaugural speech in May, 1901, that consideration is being given to the best means of taking over, converting, renewing, or consolidating the public debts of the States, with this addendum that a minute actuarial investigation of all factors in the problems involved is now being conducted. The cognate subject of compensating States for properties transferred to the Commonwealth will be mentioned, and an assurance will be given that a proposal will again be submitted for the settlement of this matter. Pleasure will be expressed with the opening of the Pacific cable for business and with the conclusion of the provisional federal agreement with the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company in lieu of the four existing intermittable State contracts. The ratification of Parliament to this agreement will be sought. Recent inquiries regarding the feasibility of constructing the transcontinental railway, which Ministers consider will remedy the isolation which was the chief obstacle to the early adoption of the Constitution by Western Australia, will be said to indicate that the scheme is practicable, but that fuller information is required before any definite proposal can be submitted.

Members will be informed that many measures of the highest importance await their consideration. In the first place they will be asked to constitute a High Court of Australia, with extensive appellate and federal jurisdiction. A bill will be introduced to adapt its new condition the great Department of Defence, and the hope will be expressed that the reorganisation scheme adopted by Ministers will prove effective, efficient, and economical. To remove the inequalities of the numerical voting strength of constituencies consequent upon the extension of the suffrage and from other causes a readjustment of electoral boundaries was, it will be said, rendered necessary. Parliament will be requested to approve of the redistribution as carried out. Bills will be promised providing for the administration of British New Guinea, for conciliation and arbitration in cases of industrial disputes extending beyond the limits of any one State, for the placing of patents and inventions upon a uniform basis throughout the Commonwealth, for the creation of a quarantine station, for the collection of statistical information, and for the payment of bounties to encourage manufactures of iron will be mentioned as in the course of preparation. After allusion to the break up of the drought, the hope will be expressed that the Commonwealth will be blest with prosperous seasons in the immediate future, and that the labours of members will merit the approval of united Australasia.

THE VICTORIAN PARLIAMENT.

DISCUSSION ON THE STRIKE SUPPRESSION BILL.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday Morning.

In the Legislative Assembly this morning in committee on the Strike Suppression Bill, clause 5, giving special power to fill up places vacated by strikers was discussed at length. Objection was raised to the employment of incompetent drivers. The Premier said they would be instructed until they were competent. Many of those who had been brought in had superior credentials to those who were employed.

The House was still sitting at 2 a.m.

RAILWAY TRAFFIC REORGANISATION IN VICTORIA.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

The Railway Department intends to reorganise the suburban tram service. A complete time-table will not be available until early next week. The express service to Sydney and Adelaide will be resumed to-morrow.

SILVER.

LONDON, May 19.

Bar silver is quoted to-day at 2s 1 3-16d per ounce standard.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

NIXON v. NIXON.

ADELAIDE, Tuesday.

Before the Supreme Court to-day an application for a decree nisi in the divorce case of Nixon v. Nixon and Adkison was allowed, and an order made that the father should have the custody of the child, with costs against the co-respondent.

AN INTERESTING CASE.

An interesting case was before the Supreme Full Court to-day when Mr. Ingleby sought for the discharge of an order made on March 22, which directed that Melissa Fairbairn, otherwise Madame Harpur, who was then in custody at Adelaide gaol, should be taken to the hospital for identification, by Annie Holmes on whom it was alleged she had performed an illegal operation. Mr. Ingleby said that the grounds of the appeal included the following: (1) That the order should not have directed the applicant be brought to any place other than a properly constituted court of justice, (2) that being charged with felony she could not be brought for the purpose of procuring evidence bearing upon the commission of such felony, (3) that the order was obtained upon evidence improperly received and was made upon the Lord's Day, and directed the act to be done upon the Lord's Day. The court held that the order was bad and accordingly it was discharged.

On Monday night John Turner was assaulted and robbed of £2 10s when in the street only 60 yards from his home at Woodville. He states that he heard a revolver shot and felt something strike him across the face. A stocking full of sand was picked up on the ground, and as no one in the vicinity heard a shot the police think that Turner mistook the blow from the stocking for a shot.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

GOLD EXPORTS.

PERTH, Tuesday.

The R.M.S. Orotava, which arrived at Fremantle this evening, will take away the following consignments of gold for Bombay:—1737oz. bar gold, valued at £29,561, for London; 12,224oz., valued at £41,560; and 2000 sovereigns.

IF YOU WANT TO BORROW MONEY, go to N.S.W. Mont de Piete Co., Ltd., 74 Castlereagh-street, 74. Eustace Bennett, general manager.—Advt.

The New Uniforms of the Australian Defence Forces and the subjects of six illustrations in this week's "Mail."—Advt.

PERSONAL.

POLICE SUPERINTENDENT GRAINGER.

AN EVENTFUL CAREER.

Our Goulburn correspondent wired last night:—Mr. E. Grainger, Superintendent of Police, retires at the end of June after 46 years' service. He joined the service in 1857, and is now senior officer of the whole of the force of the State. He was sergeant-major of the mounted patrol which preceded the establishment of the police force, and has been stationed at Sydney, Bathurst, Dubbo, Bourke, in Riverina, and at Goulburn. His experiences in the bushranging period were numerous and varied. He was in the coach which was attacked by Ben. Hall's gang on its way from Carcoar to Bathurst, when he had a narrow escape of losing his life. He had been up for several nights before, and was sleeping when the attack on the coach commenced. He was bending forward, and the shots penetrated the coach at the spot where his head would have been had he been in an upright position. Mr. Grainger fired at O'Meally as he galloped past the coach, and the outlaw raced away, vowing vengeance. The retiring officer also took a prominent part in the arrests of many men guilty of, robbery under arms, and with others secured the surrender of the once notorious Larry Cummins.

Mr. Henry Burgess, a very old and respected resident of St. Mary's, died yesterday, aged 83.

Mr. J. M. Davies, M.L.C., Victorian Minister for Education, is reported to be seriously ill.

Captain Staughton, M.L.A., of Victoria, died at 2 o'clock this morning.

Mr. W. Sandford, of the Lithgow Ironworks, is expected to leave for England at the end of this month. He will also visit Canada, and return home overland, via Vancouver and New Zealand.

Mr. A. W. Cochrane, C.P.S. at Lismore, will leave shortly for Singleton, to which office he has been transferred. His place will be taken by Mr. Fincham, of the Water Police Court.

At the Rockdale Town Hall on Friday evening Mr. T. M'Taggart, who for some years was connected with the local police force, was presented with a handsome dressing-case by the members of the Rockdale Football Club. Mr. M'Taggart and family will leave for Scotland on Friday by the Sophocles.

The staff of the Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris gave a farewell dinner to Mr. C. C. Curlewis prior to his departure for South Africa, he having been appointed accountant at the Natal Bank, Pietermaritzburg. The guest was afterwards presented with an address testifying to his superior abilities in banking and commercial business. He was also presented with a gold medal as a souvenir of his good-fellowship.

A farewell dinner was given at Baumann's Cafe on Monday by the staff of Messrs. Babcock and Willcox's Sydney office to Mr. G. C. Ewing, who is relinquishing the management of the Australasian business. Mr. Fehon (Railway Commissioner), Mr. Gibson, Mr. Charles Markell, and Mr. Macpherson were among the invited guests. Mr. A. J. Arnot, manager of Messrs. Babcock and Willcox's Australasian business, presided; and the health of Mr. Ewing was proposed by Mr. Fehon, who referred to the growth of Messrs. Babcock and Willcox's business since its inauguration in Australia 15 years ago by Mr. Ewing, and of the great esteem in which that gentleman was held by the mercantile community. Mr. Fehon remarked incidentally that the company's installations ranged from colossal boilers like those at the Ultimo power-house and the City of Sydney electric-lighting station, now in progress, down to those used in the smallest factories and mills. Other speakers included Mr. Macpherson, Mr. Vincent, and the guest. Mr. Ewing leaves for America by the steamer Sierra on the 25th instant.

VICTORIA.

THE DUTY ON STEEL RAILS.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

An inquiry has been made by the Victorian Railways Standing Committee into the statement made a few weeks ago by Mr. F. Rennick, then Engineer-in-Chief of the Victorian Railways, that one of the causes of increased cost of the railway from Woomelang to Mildura was the duty levied by the Commonwealth Government on all steel rails imported by the State Government. The duty was equal to a charge of £90 per mile. The committee ascertained that the duty was paid out of the railway construction account, which is composed of loan funds, and although the State Government received back from the Federal Treasurer three-fourths of the sum levied as duty on imported rails, the loan funds are not credited with those repayments, the refund being treated as ordinary revenue. The committee considers that the practice of using those repayments for revenue purposes should be stopped at once, and the money credited to the railway construction account.

THE MELBOURNE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

The annual meeting of the Melbourne Chamber of Commerce was held to-day. Sir Malcolm M'Eacharn presided. The report of the council covered a great variety of subjects, and was adopted. The president delivered his retiring address, referring to trade conditions during the past year, and laid down four important lines of policy for the future of the State, viz.:—1, retrenchment; 2, immigration; 3, water conservation and irrigation; and 4, cessation of labour trouble. Business transacted at the meeting included the election of Mr. John Sawers as president for the ensuing year, and the passing of a resolution congratulating the Premier and the Government upon the termination of the railway strike.

THE SALARY OF A LIQUIDATOR.

Judgment was delivered to-day by Mr. Justice Holroyd on the application of Colonel Templeton to have his remuneration determined for his work as liquidator of the Premier Permanent Building Land and Investment Association. The liquidation was commenced by Colonel Templeton in March, 1893, and was carried on to the end of December, 1902, a period of nearly 13 years. During that period Colonel Templeton represented himself as having been engaged in all for

COUNTRY NEWS.

RAILWAY TO WILCANNIA.

WILCANNIA, Tuesday.

Messrs. Usher and Marshall, of the Railway Construction Branch, arrived at Wilcannia on Monday evening, having travelled from Cobar, inquiring into the question of station sites along the route. Hopes are entertained that the line will be started as soon as money is available, and thus relieve the labour market.

WHITE CLIFFS WATER SUPPLY.

BROKEN HILL, Tuesday.

Mr. W. Smith, engineer in charge of works at Umberumberka weir, left for White Cliffs this morning. It is proposed that a trust be formed there for the purpose of establishing a permanent water supply, and Mr. Smith will ascertain the amount of money which the trust, if formed, will be prepared to borrow, so that some idea can be obtained of the probable extent of the work.

MOUNTAIN INDUSTRIES.

LITHGOW, Tuesday.

Experiments have been carried out at the ironworks in connection with the manufacture of steel castings from the product of the Siemens-Martin furnace. Mr. Thornley, the works manager, is very pleased with the progress made, and further experiments will take place during this week. If these are as successful as those already carried out further arrangements will be made to develop this new branch of the industry.

To facilitate operations at the Zig-Zag colliery in the matter of despatching coal a new loopline has been put down beside the old track, which will greatly relieve the congestion frequently obtaining on the colliery siding.

The endless rope system is being established at the Lithgow coal pit. The first experiment was made on Sunday.

BREACHES OF THE EARLY CLOSING ACT.

GRAFTON, Tuesday.

Two leading shopkeepers were fined to-day for a breach of the Early Closing Act in keeping their establishments open on Wednesday afternoon of show week. Defendants pleaded that they closed the following afternoon, believing that observing the half-holiday on the proclaimed public holiday would be sufficient under the Act.

PERJURY.

GUNDAGAI, Tuesday.

At the police court yesterday the Wantabadgery Rabbit Board case was further adjourned. The P.M. remarked that wilful perjury had been committed on one side or the other.

FIRE.

ORANGE, Tuesday.

A fire occurred at Williamson's dental surgery last night, resulting in the almost complete destruction of the stock and appliances in the work room.

THE CHURCHES.

BOWRAL, Tuesday.

Pupils of the Sisters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Convent School gave a successful concert at the School of Arts last night.

KIAMA, Tuesday.

The Rev. W. J. Chambers, several years on the Methodist mission in New Britain, is now in this district doing deputation work in connection with the Methodist Foreign Missionary Society. Last night he addressed a large assembly on mission work in New Britain, and exhibited a series of lantern views. He gave a strong hint that the missionaries had been remarkably successful.

LITHGOW, Tuesday.

A local branch of the Irish National Foresters' Benefit Society was formed in connection with the Roman Catholic Church on Sunday. The Rev. Father Hogan introduced Messrs. Avery and Slattery from Sydney, who explained the objects of the society, and enrolled between thirty and forty members.

SOFALA, Tuesday.

On Sunday the Bishop of Bathurst visited the parish of Sofala for the purpose of inducting the rector, the Rev. P. P. Lowry, and admitting Mr. Marchand to the office of reader. The service was held in Christ Church, Sofala, after which there was a celebration of the holy communion. In the evening the Bishop preached at Holy Trinity, Wattle Flat. The prayers were read by the newly inducted rector.

MUNICIPAL.

COOMA, Tuesday.

At the Municipal Appeal Court held yesterday before Mr. F. H. Galbraith, P.M., six appeals were lodged, representing 15 properties. Reductions by consent were allowed in 12 cases.

GUNDAGAI, Tuesday.

At the police court yesterday two local hotelkeepers were each fined 50s and costs for failing to deface excise stamps on casks of beer.

KATOOMBA, Tuesday.

At the meeting of the Katoomba Council last night an endeavour to rescind a motion to spend £300 on a drainage scheme was defeated. It was decided by the Mayor to hold a public meeting on Saturday night to explain the scheme before proceeding to carry it out.

At a well attended meeting to-day the Women's Political and Educational League was formed. Mrs. A. L. Peacock was elected president, Mesdames Boorman and Shark vice-presidents, Mrs. Nash and Miss Hogben joint secretaries, and Mrs. Wright treasurer.

LISMORE, Tuesday.

The Lismore Quarter Sessions opened to-day before Acting Judge Armstrong. Mr. Browning was Crown prosecutor. The principal case was that of Thomas Armstrong, who was charged with cattle stealing. Accused was acquitted.

LITHGOW, Tuesday.

A valuable horse belonging to Mrs. Hooper, of the Gap, was found a few days ago in a paddock shot through the neck, and yesterday it died from the injuries. The animal was supposed to have been shot by sportsmen when out shooting.

MARULAN, Tuesday.

The officers of the Progress Association are:—President, Mr. N. J. Scoullar; vice-presidents, Messrs. J. Hogg, J.P., P. Lyons, W. Guthrie, R. Jarvis; secretary, Mr. A. Anderson; treasurer, Mr. W. Ross.

WILCANNIA, Tuesday.

A good river is flowing.

STATE POLITICS.

LIBERAL AND REFORM ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Liberal and Reform Association of New South Wales was held last night at the board-room, Vickery's chambers, Pitt-street. Mr. J. H. Carruthers, M.L.A., presided over a good attendance of members, including a fair proportion of ladies.

The following ladies were elected to the council of the association:—Mesdames Stephenson, Swift, M'Leland, A. P. Cooper, L. Frank, Misses Black, Sparke, Gale, Cohen, Clulow, and Abbott.

An open discussion on "Educational Reform" occupied the remainder of the evening.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—The large majority of the public and myself are watching with profound interest every forward development of the interesting and very valuable body, which, I believe, is destined in due time to bring our mother State again to the proud position she is entitled to occupy, and I fervently trust all lovers of our country will warmly support this movement.

It is truly refreshing to realise what grand victories have lately been achieved by Mr. Irvine, the Premier of Victoria—truly he is a hero. Would that our own Premier (Sir John See) had shown something of the manly, masterful courage and true statesmanship which Mr. Irvine has displayed; and if Mr. O'Sullivan, our Minister for Works, had been a prudent, careful, sensible man instead of plunging us in financial difficulties how different would our position have been to-day.

Our present Government is bound to fall before the very strong tide of popular opinion and other forces inspired by the Liberal and Reform Associations.

I cannot close this letter without alluding again to Sir John See's foolish and vain attempt still to quarrel with and degrade the press, evidently when his public utterances are fairly open to criticism by reason under the well-administered lash, proving his weakness.

I am, &c.,
Bowcroft, May 19. JOHN YOUNGER.

ADDRESS BY MR. HOLMAN.

WEST WYALONG, Tuesday.

Mr. Holman, M.L.A., gave an address on Sunday afternoon and yesterday. He delivered an address at Wyalong, a large proportion of the audience comprising his supporters from West Wyalong. He said that the Victorian railway strike being now lost to the workers should enlist their sympathies. The strikers were the pick of the mechanics of Victoria. He likened the Engineers' Union to Napoleon's Old Guard. Their defeat arose from Parliament making actions illegal which were legal before passing the Strike Bill which the speaker denounced as liberty-destroying and class legislation. He attacked the Reform League, which he said consisted of the National Association, monopolists, Orangemen, and Australian Protestant Defence Association under another name, with the object of suppressing the labour party. He made a virulent attack upon the Victorian Premier and Parliament. His made attacks on his political opponents. A vote of confidence was carried.

MENANGLE, Tuesday.

The local branch of the People's Reform League held a public meeting at the School of Arts hall yesterday. Mr. J. Hickey presided. The following motion proposed by Mr. W. Short, seconded by Mr. J. Somers and supported by Mr. P. A. Quirk, was unanimously carried,—"That Colonel Onslow be nominated as the Menangle branch of the P.R. League's selection as the reform candidate at the general election, and the same be communicated to the various branches throughout the electorate, and their endorsement asked."

FISHER'S "PHOSPHERINE," the most wonderful TONIC, is and is 6d.—Advt.

QUEENSLAND.

TROUBLESOME SHIP'S CREW.

BRISBANE, Tuesday.

It was expected that the barque Ochterlyre would leave Brisbane to-day for Newcastle to load coal for the West Coast of South America, but when several members of the crew, who since the arrival of the barque had been imprisoned for disobedience of orders, were placed on board they refused to work, consequently the departure was delayed. It is now intended to tow the Ochterlyre to Moreton Bay to-morrow, when the men, who in the meantime have returned to gaol, will be again placed aboard.

HERR PAGEL ATTACKED BY A LION.

A sensational incident occurred at Wirth's circus to-night. Herr Pagel was going through a performance with his lion, and the animal eluded him. It sprang at him, knocking him against the railing of the enclosure, and bringing blood to his shoulder. The mastiff, which accompanies the lion, attacked it, but Pagel called the dog off, whereupon the lion quietened down, and Pagel left the enclosure without again attempting to lift the beast.

During the hearing of a case at the Supreme Court to-day the Chief Justice sharply pulled up one counsel who was cross-examining a witness. "We are not trying witness's character," said his Honor, "let us get to the facts. One of the greatest scandals of the administration of justice is the length of time the cases take."

NEWCASTLE.

THE ARBITRATION COURT.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE COURT.

NEWCASTLE, Tuesday.

The Arbitration Court resumed the hearing to-day of the dispute between the Colliery Employees' Federation, Northern District, and Andrew Scobie (Northern Extended Colliery), and William Laidley and Co., Limited (Rhondda), respondents. The claimants asked for certain alterations in the working conditions, particularly the substitution of a tonnage rate for yardage rate.

The case for the respondents was continued. James Barr, manager of Rhondda mine, gave further evidence in support of the present system of payment.

John Coughlin, clerk and assistant surveyor at Rhondda, produced a detailed statement of the wages earned by miners during the past nine months under the yardage system, the average being 12s 10d per day per man right through the mine.

John Blair, a miner at the Northern Extended Colliery, gave evidence in favour of the yardage system as against a tonnage rate. He said that under the weighing system a miner was likely to lose coal through a careless checkweighman, or if tubs were lost. The yardage system was also an advantage if the seam was dirty, as the miner was paid for the actual excavation, and it did not matter how much coal was got.

Joseph Goodall, a miner at Northern Extended mine, also spoke of the yardage system of payment being fairer than the tonnage rate.

J. A. Neilson, manager of the Pacific Co-operative mine, said that their minimum hewing rate was 1s 7d per ton for shandy-gaff, and was the result of an alteration of the rates made by the members of the Co-operative miners, when a contract at a low price was taken it being agreed to by the miners themselves. When prices improved the rates were again brought up.

F. J. Duddemaide, managing director for Messrs. Laidley and Co., Limited, owners of the Co-operative and Rhondda collieries, gave evidence regarding prices. He said that he was now loading 2000 tons at 6s 6d for best round coal. The remainder of the sitting was occupied hearing the evidence of the witness in connection with the financial transactions of the company. The Court adjourned until the following morning.

On the court opening the President remarked that to-day was the first anniversary of the Court, the initial sitting having been in Newcastle on May 19 last year. It was very necessary, he added, that the case now before the Court should be finished, as it had been waiting for eight consecutive weeks in Newcastle, and before they proceeded to Broken Hill it would be necessary to clear up the Sydney cases, particularly with regard to the amount of work before the Court, he urged that as little evidence as possible in repetition should be tendered.

THE COAL EXPORT TRADE.

The steamer Sapphire cleared at the Customs to-day for Colombo, Aden, and Sydney, with 5,000 tons of coal; the steamer Perth for Fremantle, via ports, with 1120 tons of coal, 23 bales of millet, and sundries; the ship Grace Harwar for Iquique and Caleta Buena, with 3953 tons of coal; the barque Jessie for Brisbane, with 300 tons of coal; the steamer Itzehoe for Singapore, via Sydney, with 3791 tons of mixed coal; and the steamer Wallarah for the Derwent, with 4350 tons of coal, 71 tons of coke, 3300 sleepers, and a quantity of other timber.

The steamers Perth and Sapphire sailed as above to-day, also the four-masted barque Matterhorn for San Francisco, with 2400 tons of Messrs. J. and A. Brown's coal, and the four-masted barque Chelmsford for San Francisco, with 2700 tons of Wallsend coal.

The French ship Ernest Reyer arrived to-day from Table Bay after a very fast passage of 39 days. Her coal and discharging berths have not yet been fixed. The schooner Pendle Hill arrived from Sydney to load small coal for Auckland, and the steamer Boveric to load coal for Wellington.

During last week 76,456 tons of coal was shipped by the Government cranes, which constitutes a record.

THE PLAGUE.

ACTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL.

POWERS OF THE HEALTH COMMITTEE.

A RAT-PROOF WALL ON THE FORESHORES.

Plague matters received some attention at the meeting of the City Council last night.

The health and recreation committee reported receipt of a letter dated May 14 from the Principal Under-Secretary, stating that the Premier had approved of a proclamation being issued for the council to enter and cleanse or cause to be cleansed all premises, &c., situated within the undermentioned boundaries, viz.:—West side of Clarence-street, north side of Druitt-street, waters of Darling Harbour, and south side of Margaret-street.

Alderman Fitzgerald said the Lord Mayor had, as soon as the plague-infected rats were discovered, waited upon the Premier, Sir John See, in regard to the undertaking of cleansing work, and the Premier had caused a proclamation to be issued placing the whole city in the two inner districts in quarantine. The council had, under that proclamation, very much greater powers than it had under its own Acts. He thought the action of the Premier was deserving of commendation.

The report was received.

The Lord Mayor said he should like to ask the council to pass a resolution empowering the health committee to take such steps as it might consider necessary for the cleansing of the areas where outbreaks might occur. Last year when the plague outbreak occurred the health committee was invested with executive authority under an implied guarantee of the council that it would endorse its action. He suggested that the committee might now be invested with executive powers.

The council agreed, and the standing orders were suspended.

Alderman Fitzgerald moved,—"That the council, agreeably to the provisions of the Sydney Corporation Act, 1879, do confer upon the health and recreation committee executive powers in relation to all matters appertaining to public health and sanitary administration generally until the next meeting of the council."

The motion was agreed to.

Alderman Hemsley moved,—"That in view of the reappearance of plague-infected rats, the Lord Mayor be authorised to urge the Honourable the Premier to carry out the promise made to Parliament at the time of the resumptions of the wharf and other properties along the foreshores of Darling Harbour, viz., the construction of a rat-proof retaining wall; and that inquiries also be made as to the completion of the low-level sewerage pumping stations."

The motion was agreed to after debate.

FIRE ON THE STEAM YACHT NORA.

THE VESSEL SINKS.

Shortly before 1 o'clock yesterday morning a fire occurred on the Hon. H. C. Dangar's steam yacht Nora. The outbreak was discovered by Mr. Carthy, a resident of Potts Point. He gave the alarm to the Water Police, and the steamer Bilcola immediately proceeded to the scene. The yacht, which was lying about 250 yards off the shore at Darling Point, was found to be alight from end to end. It was impossible to extinguish the flames. Senior-constable Olsen, who was in charge of the police launch, went alongside the burning vessel in one of the pulling boats.

The flames had penetrated the launch's side, and Olsen, after enlarging the hole, secured a line to one of the stanchions. The other end of the line was then fastened to the launch. The yacht was heeled over on her side, with the result that she quickly filled and sank.

A fire engine in charge of station officer Lee proceeded to the scene from No. 1 station, and the Harbour Trust's floating fire engine Piavius was also in attendance. The operations were carried out under the direction of Sub-inspector Strachan, of the Water Police.

The Nora was a beautiful little craft, and was built in Mongstone by a Mr. Carmichael, who has made a name for himself as a constructor of this type of vessel. She was only recently purchased by the Hon. H. C. Dangar, and was brought to Sydney on the deck of a steamer. Her approximate measurement was 20 tons, with a length of 50ft by about 12ft beam. She was valued at £1200, but was totally uninsured.

Arrangements were made yesterday to have the sunken yacht raised. The work was placed in the hands of Mr. D. Sheaky, who hopes to get the little vessel up to-day, when an estimate of the damage will be possible.

Mr. Norris, secretary of the Sydney Harbour Trust, writes to us as follows:—In connection with the burning of the Nora it may be pointed out that at 1.10 a.m. yesterday morning the harbour master, Captain Bird, received a telephone call at his residence, Goat Island, stating that a fire had broken out on board the yacht which was lying in Rushcutter Bay. Without loss of time the new fire steamer Piavius proceeded to the scene, which was reached at exactly 1.35 a.m., or in 22 minutes after the telephone call had been received. Owing, however, to the yacht having been sunk the firehost returned to its anchorage at Goat Island, which was reached at 2.4 a.m. During the passage of the Piavius to the scene of the fire the hose were got ready and the pumps set going as started. The promptitude with which the foregoing operation was carried out reflects great credit on the harbour master and the crew of the Piavius.

[A portion of the above appeared in our second edition yesterday.]

This week's "Mail" contains some pretty pictures, "Views in and around Emmaville."—Advt.

CITY COUNCIL.

The fortnightly meeting of the City Council was held last night at the Town Hall. There were present—the Lord Mayor (Alderman Thomas Hughes), Aldermen Lees, Fitzgerald, Kelly, Griffin, Evan Jones, Harris, Ralston, M'Elhone, Taylor, Richards, West, Lane Mulleus, Stephen, Boer, Henley, Mackey, Nolan, Lindsay Thompson, Waine, Watkins, Wilkinson, and Meagher.

FIRE BRIGADES BOARD.

Alderman E. Lindsay Thompson, representative of the council on the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board, reported that the Fire Brigades Board had authorised the erection of a new fire station at Concord and extensions to the Marrickville station, subject to estimates passed by Parliament. The board also inspected sites for proposed stations at Alexandria, Waterloo, and St. Peters, and visited George-street West, Glebe, and Leichhardt stations. The two latter are totally unsuitable and out of date and should be replaced with new stations without delay. At Glebe the horse is housed in a back yard, and has to find its way along a side passage, and then be backed into the station before being harnessed up. Referring to the danger of overhead wires, a portion of a stay from one of the board's ladders was placed before the council to show the fusing caused by a contact with cables. The shock, which was instantaneous, caused the wire to fuse, which broke the circuit, otherwise the effect might have been more serious.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS.

The Lord Mayor, in answer to Alderman Richards, said the plans showing the proposed improvement in the levels of Cleveland-street between Castlereagh and Dowling streets would be put in hand at an early date. The rush of work in connection with the woodblocking had prevented him giving attention to it before.

The Lord Mayor, in answer to Alderman Lees (for Alderman Lindsay Thompson), said the number of wood blocks to be supplied per month for street purposes was 150,000 and 200,000 respectively per month. Unless the terms of both contracts for the delivery of 1,500,000 and 2,000,000 blocks were strictly complied with the council would be in difficulties at a very early date. The contracts already let for reblocking streets were based on a supply of about 30,000 blocks a day. The stock in hand at present was only slightly exceeded 100,000, and although upwards of three weeks had elapsed since the signing of the first contract for the delivery of 1,500,000 blocks at the rate of 150,000 per month none had yet been delivered.

HAND v. MACHINE BROKEN METAL.

Alderman Evan Jones moved,—"That the resolution of the council of May 5, asking contract vs to duplicate their contracts for metal be and the same is hereby rescinded." His said that, seeing the number of unemployed men in and about the city, it would be well to allow the owners of small quarries near the city to supply spalls for road purposes. This would be hand-broken. He contended that hand-broken metal was superior to that broken by machinery, and that it would in the end be as cheap as the other.

After discussion the motion was rejected on division by 13 votes to 2, the minority being Aldermen Evan Jones and Fitzgerald.

THE ADJOURNMENT HOUR.

Alderman Harris moved,—"That in future all meetings of the council held at night shall stand adjourned from 10 o'clock."

Alderman Ralston said that if the mover would agree to 10.30 p.m. he would support it.

The Lord Mayor, in ruling upon a point of order by Alderman Kelly, said the motion was not out of order, but he would suggest that instead of its being carried in its present bald form it be altered so as to provide that the bylaws committee draft new standing orders to the effect mentioned.

After further discussion the motion was moved,—"That it be referred to the Parliamentary and Bylaws Committee to consider the framing of a standing order providing that the council shall adjourn at 10.30 p.m., unless it be decided by a two-thirds majority of those present to proceed with the business remaining on the paper."

The amendment was carried by 12 votes to 7, and having become the substantive motion was agreed to 12 votes to 6.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE.

Alderman Fitzgerald moved,—"That so much of the resolution of council of December 21, 1900, defining the scope of the health committee as regards the control of park and reserve lands of the city, under the control of the council, and the control and management of public baths and bathing places of the city be and the same is hereby rescinded. That it is expedient to separate the control of parks and recreation lands from the control of public health, and for that purpose a committee of seven be now appointed, to be called the Parks and Recreation Committee, to undertake the following matters:—1. The control and management of the park and reserve lands of the city under the direction of the corporation for the use, benefit, and recreation of the citizens. 2. The control and management of the Town Hall organ, and the arrangement of the visits of distinguished British and foreign organists. 3. The organisation of a citizens' band under the auspices of the council. 4. The management of the public baths and bathing places of the city. 5. The provision of bands, chairs, and playgrounds, and games for the use of citizens frequenting the council's parks and gardens. 6. The supervision and control of theatres, music halls, and places of public resort and amusement. 7. The provision of the public and sandheaps for the children in the city parks. 8. Generally the organisation and control of all matters affecting public music, games, entertainments, and open-air sports and recreation."

The motion was agreed to.

NAMES OF STREETS.

Alderman Fitzgerald moved,—"That the streets now known as George-street, Castlereagh-street, and Dowling-street, Clarence-street be renamed, and that the name George-street be changed to Westworth-street, Castlereagh-street changed to Dalley-street, York-street changed to Lang-street, and Clarence-street changed to Kendall-street."

The motion was negatived.

The council then adjourned.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.

BRISBANE, Tuesday.

The Commissioner for railways proceeded to Southport to-day to take the New South Wales Public Works Committee, which has been engaged in inspecting the route of a proposed line from Maitland to South Grafton. Mr. James Macfarlane, M.L.A., and others propose to come on to Brisbane to-night, and to leave by the *mail train for Sydney* in the morning.

PROTESTANT ALLIANCE FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

GRAND COUNCIL OF N.S.W.

The thirtieth annual meeting of the Grand Council of New South Wales of the Protestant Alliance Friendly Society of Australasia was opened at the Protestant Hall, Castlereagh-street, yesterday. The Worshipful Grand Master (Bro. T. Henderson) presided, and called the meeting to order at 10. There was a large gathering of executive officers and subordinate lodge delegates. Bro. J. Kerrigan was appointed minute secretary.

The Grand Master in his opening address extended a welcome to the delegates, and reviewed the work of the past year. He congratulated the officers and members of the order upon the acquisition to their strength.

The report submitted by the grand executive council stated that during the year 892 members were initiated, making the total at the close of the year 7657 full benefit and 150 honorary members, the net increase for the period being 547. Six new lodges had been opened, viz., at Dulwich Hill, Nowra, Orange, Auburn, Helensburgh, and Kembla. In the funeral fund, as well as the subordinate lodge funds, there was an increase. The Grand Council funds showed an increase of £2188, and the lodge fund £1717. The chief cause of profit arose from additional interest received from investments. The accumulated funds of the order in this State totalled £67,611 2s 5d, of which the subordinate lodges possessed £40,814 15s 7d, and the Grand Council £26,796 6s 10d. The amount of sick pay for the 12 months was £6454, and for medical attendance and medicines £7947 16s. Funeral donations were paid for 56 members, 27 members' wives, and one widow. The sum disbursed on that account was £2222.

The grand trustees' submitted a lengthy report dealing with the investments. They had executed 12 new mortgages, amounting to £7610, and in every instance the security accepted was considered sound. At the close of the year £17,470 was invested.

The reports were received, discussed, and adopted.

THE GRADUATED LAND TAX.

Mr. T. Rose, M.L.A., yesterday had something to say about the statement of Mr. H. Lamond, president of the Political Labour League, regarding the graduated land tax proposals of the labour party. He said: "There is one very important item in the labour party's scheme of taxation which has been omitted from Mr. Lamond's version. Going back to January last Mr. Lamond presided over a political conference of the labour party, when Mr. Grant moved that the present land tax of 1d be increased to 2d, and that all exemptions be abolished. As will be noted, Mr. Grant's resolution had not only the object of doubling the existing tax, but it was also proposed to apply to the first pound's worth of land a man possessed as well as to the present exemption of £340. Some very clumsy political sparring took place over starting the tax on the first acre. Mr. Bunscott, M.L.C., opposed the idea, because the proposal 'would operate against candidates in the country.' Mr. H. Macdonald, M.L.A., ventured the opinion that the doing away with the present exemption of £340 would bring about a secession of country members from the labour party.' Boating between the lines, all the speakers but two thought more of the policy of gaining the vote of the landowners who would by nothing under the exemption than of the principle of land value taxation. Eventually the conference decided by 32 votes to 16 that the present land tax should be doubled for long as the owners of land paid up to the value of £340 paid nothing. In the light of Mr. Lamond's latest pronouncement, the labour party advocate (1) increasing the land tax from 1d to 2d, (2) a progressive land tax, (3) local government land tax without exemptions, plus (4) an absentee tax, and (5) a progressive income tax. A more radical of the party. These fresh burdens," added Mr. Rose, 'are seriously advocated with the full knowledge of the effects of the drought and consequently an acquaintance with the fact that over taxation, direct and indirect, has increased by 60 per cent. during the past four years."

NEW SOUTH WALES ALLIANCE.

ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING.

THE TEMPERANCE PARTY'S POLICY.

NEW LIQUOR BILL COMMENDED.

The annual public meeting of the New South Wales Alliance was held last night at the Protestant Hall, which was filled in every part. It was preceded by a procession from George and Hay streets, which marched to the strains of the Salvation Army Band. At the public meeting the Rev. Canon Boyce, president of the alliance, occupied the chair, being supported by Mesdames Ardill, Nolan, Cutts, Bruntnell, Clubb, Misses Matwick and Green (C.E. Union), the Revs. N. M. Hennessy, D. J. Knox, E. Price, R. Dey, P. J. Stephen, T. J. Curtis, G. T. Walden, W. H. Beale, W. Woolls Rutledge, H. Gainsford, and J. W. Loadley. Messrs. J. L. Fegan, Arthur Griffith, W. Affleck, John Thomson, D. H. Hall, and E. Lonsdale, M.L.A., W. C. Clegg, G. D. Clark, A. Gow, J.P., J. H. Wise, J.P., W. A. Smith, J.P., C. W. Logan, T. Rook, W. J. Walker, Brigadier Bruntnell, Staff-captains Keal and Bishop, and Adjutant Arnott (of the Salvation Army). The proceedings throughout were of an enthusiastic nature.

The Rev. Canon Boyce on rising was received with applause. He said they had met in a cause that was wonderfully great, not only because of the millions spent annually in drink, but in view of the lunacy, pauperism, immorality, drunkenness, and crime connected with it. Drink was the bitter enemy of thousands of homes in this State. (Applause.) The New South Wales Alliance welcomed any right instalment of reform. Mr. Wardell's bill and his published utterances regarding it showed that a most valuable step in advance was intended. It was a harbinger of better and brighter days. (Applause.) They had a promise that the bill should be taken up early next session, and he hoped that it would, in an improved form, become law. (Applause.) A general election was not very distant, and the temperance party was not going to change its fighting platform. As a party the Alliance had announced twenty-four years ago woman suffrage—now that victory had come they were not going for a moment to forget the possible and expected advantages. They would be recreants if they pulled the flag down now. (Applause.) They knew what the women of New Zealand had done, and the women of Australia, were just as high-minded as they. Their battle cry would be again, "Local and State option without compensation." (Cheers.) They believed that the people should have the right to vote for the continuance, reduction, or no license as to the number of hotels in their district. (Applause.) It was 27 years since in the town of Orange when he believed no one in the State publicly advocated the principle he raised the banner of full local option, and ever since then he had fought for the principle both in season and out of season, and he had not lost heart although the time had been long. (Cheers.) Public opinion was overwhelmingly in favour of full local option (Hear, hear.) The fight had peculiar difficulties, and the diversion came as no compensation, so that the compensation question was almost wholly a brewers' question. He never intended to interfere with a license during its currency. They were not going to compensate the wealthy brewers. (Cheers.) The brewers paid the State no bonus when they originally received the licenses, and why give them a bonus at the non-renewal? (Applause.) Yet the Alliance would not oppose a reasonable all-round notice before any polls were taken. That was the platform of the Alliance for the general election. They would not lower the flag. (Cheers.) They believed that a reduction in the number of public-houses was more important than that of members. He asked all sympathisers to loyally work for this great reform, which in the end would work the land they loved lasting good. (Prolonged applause.)

The Rev. N. M. Hennessy moved,—"That this meeting of citizens cordially welcomes the Liquor Bill as an instalment of needed reform of the liquor traffic, and pledges itself to support the Alliance in its endeavour to ensure the passing of the bill by the Legislature, with such amendments as will congratulated the Alliance upon the size of that meeting and Sydney upon having such a gathering near the heart of the city itself. It compared very favourably with some of the best meetings he had seen in Manchester, Leeds, and other places. (Applause.) He would like to see the public-houses closed during all Parliamentary elections, and also municipal elections as well. (Cheers.) He wanted to see public-houses closed upon the Sabbath too. (Hear, hear.) One gentleman had assured him (the speaker) that although he had never been in a church in his life he could get a drink anywhere in George-street on a Sunday. They wanted such a statement to be a libel on the city. (Hear, hear.) He wanted to see the public-houses closed earlier in the evening. (Applause.) It did seem strange to see the shops closed, the houses where food was to be obtained closed, but the gin palace open. (Applause.) If they must tell men at what time they must close their business, when they must cease work: if they went to the extent of apparently tampering with individual liberty, why not with the public-houses. (Loud applause.) If they could close the public-house at 6 o'clock on the Saturday evening the Sunday evil would be diminished. He wished to commend the bill to their support, because it restricted selling to hotels, clubs, and theatres, because it proposed to deal with the barmaid question. (Applause.) He wanted the bill to pass, because it would remove temptation from many who could not resist it. He would allow the question of local option to be decided by a majority vote. That was the principle that ruled in Parliamentary and other elections. He hoped that when the principle of local option was enforced in Sydney, as he believed it would be, if only 5 per cent. of the electors voted on the question, then the majority of that 5 per cent. would rule. (Laughter.) Let them put the right men in Parliament, and when they found a publican member let them find out if he was a proper man to represent them. (Applause.)

Mr. J. L. Fegan seconded the motion. He said the Government of the day required a push on with the bill, and to make it the law of the land as soon as possible. (Cheers.) This bill was not a party question. It went further than the New Zealand law. It contained more provisions except that for local option than they had asked for. He regarded

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

Tuesday Evening.

A moderate amount of business was done in investment company shares to-day on the Stock Exchange. The fluctuations in prices were but slight. All Government securities remained as last quoted, no transactions being quoted. City Bank were rather dearer, old in request at 85s, and new at 77s. Sales of Australian Joint Stock Bank A deposits at 7s 6d, and of B's at 12s. Union Steam continued steady, North Coast again selling at 19s 9d. Australian Gaslight sold at 17½ and 17¾, a rise of ¼, and North Shore Gas (new) advanced and sold at 29s. Toohey's Brewery at 21s 6d was the only sale quoted in breweries; Tooth's inquired for at 21s 9d. Colonial Sugar quitted at 37½, the last-quoted price, and Volunteer Land Order asked for at 100, seller at £150.

The following sales were reported on the Sydney Stock Exchange to-day:—Farmers: A.J.S. Bank A deposits, 15s 2d; North Shore Gas (new), 29s; Australian Gaslight, 17¾. Noon: A.J.S. Bank A deposits, 15s 2d; North Coast Steam, 19s 9d; Toohey's Limited, 21s 6d. Later: Colonial Sugar, 37½; Australian Gaslight, 17¾. Afternoon: A.J.S. Bank B deposits, 12s; Australian Gaslight, 17¾. Later: A.J.S. Bank B deposits, 12s. The closing quotations were:—

Company.	Capital paid up.	Amount of Shares.	Shares paid up.	Last Div. per annum.	Prices. Last Sale.	Buyers.	Sellers.	Value of Investment.
W. STOCK An.	£	£	s.	p.c.				
S.B.W. F.S.	549,870	...	...	4	103	102½	103½	3½
Do. Act. 1873	650,189	...	...	4	103	103	...	3½
Do. 1912	...	...	...	3½	84½	80	90	4½
Do. 1919	...	...	...	3½	98	96	99	3½
Do. 1920	...	...	...	...	101	...	...	3½
Do. F.B. 1925	...	...	...	3	91½	...	...	3½
Do. T. Bills, 1902	1,000,000	...	...	3½	99	...	...	3½
Do. T. Bills, 1906	...	...	...	...	99	98½	99½	3½
Do. Deb. 1903	300,000	...	...	4	101	...	...	3½
G.D. 1913	...	...	...	4	101	...	...	3½
G.D. 1925	...	...	...	3½	...	100	...	3½
N.Z. D. 1915	300,000	...	...	4	103	100	...	3½
Ditto, 1943	...	...	...	...	102	...	...	3½
Col. Sugar—								
D. 1914	...	...	...	...	107	103	...	3½
City Deb. Deb.	...	...	...	...	103	100½	...	3½
Ditto, 1928	...	...	...	...	101	100½	...	3½
Australia. Gas Debentures	...	...	...	...	...	100	101	3½
BANKS.								
Aust. A.S.	1,166,611	10	7s	...	...	...	...	15
Australasia	1,600,000	40	40	11	80 16	...	...	3½
City	240,000	10	8	4	77	82	...	4½
New Zealand	2,000,000	40	20	8	41	...	...	3½
Oriental	94,400	10	10/	...	5/4	...	...	3½
Union of Aust.	2,117,076	10	10	3	9	...	...	3½
Comm. of Syd.	1,000,000	25	12½	3	24½	26½	27	3½
W. of Aust.	1,192,440	10	8	4	84	83	...	3½
Ditto, pref.	303,756	10	10	8	8	...	...	3½
N.S.W.	2,000,000	20	20	10	45	43½	...	3½
New Zealand	1,192,440	10	8	6	74	...	...	3½
N. Q'sland	100,000	7	3	2½	13/	12 6	15/	3½
Royal of C.	481,267	8	8	3	58	...	57/	3½
Union	1,500,000	75	25	6	37½	...	...	3½
DEPOSITS.								
A.J.S. Bk.—								
Class A	...	...	...	3	15 2	15 2	15 3½	4
Class B	...	...	...	3	12 2	12 2	12 3	4
Ditto Inscr.	799,053	...	...	3	8/6	8/6	...	3½
Com. of Aus.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3½
A ser., 1893	963,427	...	...	3½	13/8	13/	...	3½
Ditto series B	2,400,000	...	...	3½	13/8	13/	13/6	4½
E.S.A. Inscr. pref.	899,478	...	...	3	12/	11/8	12/	5
Ditto def.	899,478	...	...	4½	16/9	16 6	...	5½
Ditto Deb.	903,047	...	...	4	16/9	16 3	17/	4½
DitoTer.	98,122	...	...	4	19/10	19 3	...	4½
Q. National	...	...	...	4	11/6	10 3	...	3½
STEAM.								
Balmain N. Ferry	14,400	1	1s	20	19	22/	...	4
Illawarra	56,000	5	5s	6	5	...	...	3½
Newcastle	100,000	1	1	6	19/11	19 6	...	3½
Pacific Coast	1,000,000	1	1/	6	19/6	19/	27/	4½
Sydn'y Ferries	120,000	1	1	8	8/6	8/	...	3½
Ditto, new	...	1	1	8	8/6	...	...	3½
S. Jackson	30,000	39	25	6	19/6	21	25/	3½
Ditto, Cu-op.	5,743	...	1	2½	17/	12/6	...	3½
New Smith.								
ordinary	175,180	1	5s	10	...	...	...	3½
Ditto def.	18,768	1	5s	10	...	...	...	3½
Ditto Pref.	178,101	1	2s	5	...	...	...	3½
Ditto Pref.	19,200	1	5	5	...	...	...	3½
INSURANCE.								
A. M. Fire	50,000	1	10	16/	35 6	45	...	3½
Mer. Mut.	50,000	1	4/	16	13 6	13/	...	3½
N. Zealand	200,000	10	2	15	70	...	...	3½
N. G'land	50,000	1	10/	8	13/	12 6	...	3½
Ditto	4,562	1	10/	8	13/	...	...	3½
United	67,500	1	2	10	80/	72 6	82/	3½
Ditto new	5,725	10	12	10	10	18	27/	3½
GAS.								
Albury	7,500	1	12/	10	20/	...	...	3½
Australian	68,708	1	10	20	17½	17½	17¾	3½
C. Towns	20,000	10	20	10	140	...	...	3½
Goulburn	10,000	1	1	15	48 6	48	...	3½
Grafton	8,000	1	1	5	27/6	28/	28/	3½
Kalgoorlie	15,000	5	5	7½	25/	...	...	3½
Ditto New	8,000	1	1	7	12/6	...	...	3½
Maitland	40,000	1	1	10	19/	18/	...	3½
Newcastle	38,128	1	2	15	6	6	6½	3½
Ditto	...	1	2	15	7/6	8/	...	3½
North Shore	100,000	1	1	10	29/	29	...	3½
Ditto New	...	1	15	...	29/	30	...	3½
S. Brisbane	...	...	...	10	6/11	...	...	3½
Ditto Pref.	...	...	...	...	10/	9/	...	3½
BREWERIES								
Albury	10,800	10	5	...	...	...	...	3½
Ditto	4,000	1	10	5	...	...	...	3½
Australian	48,000	10	10	...	5/	4/6	...	3½
C. and Wood	250,000	1	1	4	11/	11/	11/6	6½
Bros.	250,000	1	1	4	11/	11/	11/6	6½
Marshall's	29,704	10	5	6	4/6	4/6	...	3½
Perkins'	78,585	15	15	20	27/	...	...	3½
Tooth's	550,000	1	1	8	21/6	21/6	21/9	3½
Ditto	900,000	1	1	8	22	21/9	22/	3½
MISCELL'N'S.								
Aarons'	17,500	15	10/	5	3/	3/	3/6	10½
Aus. News	40,000	1	1	9	...	...	9/6	...
H. Water Supply	186,500	1	10	18 4	19/	20/	21/	11½
Burns, Ph. 'd	225,000	1	1	8	51/6	30/	32/	5½
New Zealand	...	1	1	8	51/6	...	...	3½
Col. Sugar	1,872,260	20	20	10	37½	36½	...	3½
Dalgety & Co.	1,000,000	20	5	8	90	...	90	3½
Dunlop T. Pf.	...	1	1	10	11/	...	...	3½
Emu B. Rail.	100,000	1	1	...	3/6	...	...	3½
Emu Gravel	34,000	1	1	5	4	4	...	3½
Felcast Colls.	12,000	20	20	...	11/	9	11/	3½
Do. Pref., etc	3,375	20	10/	...	...	...	...	3½
Hoffmann & Co.	150,000	1	1	...	...	...	...	3½
Do. pref.	60,000	1	1	10	15	14/	15/	4½
Mail Co.	90,000	1	1	10	15	14/	15/	4½
Mel. Trams	80,000	1	10	...	16 6	...	...	3½
M. de Piste	74,144	1	1	10	39/6	33/6	34/	4½
Prell's Pfg.	100,000	1	1	10	17/	16/	17/	4½
Ditto Pref.	45,870	1	1	10	18/	18	...	3½
P. Food. Inv.	168,114	1	1	10	5/6	5/6	6/11	6½
Shake and Oil	80,000	1	1	10	1/3	...	...	3½
New York and	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3½
H. Tob.	15,000	1	1	10	19	17/	...	10½
Perp. Trus.	20,000	2	2	10	2/6	2/7	2/8	6½
Perp. Trus.	28,000	10	5	10	10/6	10/	11/	4½
Richardson & Wrench	60,000	1	1	5	12/3	...	18/	8½
Silv. Tram	197,000	1	1	5	39/	...	60/	8½
Syd. Exch.	80,000	10	10	6	12/6	12	12/6	8½
Syd. Hyd.	18,000	1	1	10	28/6	28/	30/	7
Ditto	27,800	1	10	10	15/6	15/	16/	6½
Syd. Hyd. & O. E.	15,000	...	...	10	16/6	...	16/	8½
Vol. Land Ord.	...	...	...	...	100	100	...	3½
Hall's Mere. Agency	12,000	1	1	10	27/6	20/9	21/6	9½
A. Mut. coops	5,000	10	...	...	...	...	...	3½
LAND & BD.								
A. Mut. Dep.	...	...	...	...	14	8/	10/6	...
Sheets. Dep.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3½
Fed. B. Dep.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3½
Haynark. D.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3½
Do. Shares	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	3½
Ind. Prov.	47,390	21	20	3	20	...	...	3½
Inter. Pr.	38,958	3	15/	7	15/	...	...	7½
Sy. Pro. Land	...	...	...	...	3/9	...	...	3½
Syd. B'k. Dep.	...	...	...	...	1/	...	...	3½

* Where dividends are interim the yield is based on a year's distribution, otherwise on the last half-year's one.
† Net.

The clearances of the banks in Sydney for the week ended May 18 aggregated £2,979,548, against £2,570,643 in the corresponding week of last year. Since January 1 the clearances have compared with those of several previous years as follows:—

January 1 to May 16, 1898	£45,022,891
January 1 to May 15, 1899	47,806,030
January 1 to May 21, 1900	55,708,541
January 1 to May 20, 1901	60,430,902
January 1 to May 19, 1902	69,357,152
January 1 to May 18, 1903	69,347,132

To date so far since January 1 the clearances have been rather less than last year. In Melbourne to May 15 the bank clearances aggregated £58,959,363, showing a decrease for the year of £2,788,900.

Conversation on 'Change regarding the Imperial preferential tones of Mr. Chamberlain's speech varies according to the fiscal opinions held. The views of members of the Chamber of Commerce are not uniform, for some age interested in colonial products, and think preferences should be given to them, and these may be taken as generally in favour of anything that goes in the direction of protection. For the most part free-traders, who are largely in the majority, disapprove of preferential duties as inimical to the interests of the State, though there are a few who call themselves free-traders who do not regard it with entire disapproval. Ever since there has been a chamber of commerce here indeed there have been such; at one time known as fair traders. Several years back, when Mr. Lowles, a member of the British House of Commons, addressed a large meeting in the Exchange advocating preferential duties, no resolution of approval or otherwise was submitted, solely on the ground that the speaker was a visitor, for it was known that though his proposals would have had the support of a few a great majority would have opposed them, and out of consideration for his feelings no resolution other than a vote of thanks was passed. The opinion then prevalent among the mercantile classes in Sydney is that which now prevails. It is considered that the extensive trade done with foreign countries might be prejudiced by the adoption of a preferential trade policy with the mother country. The extent of the trade of New South Wales with the various parts of the world (which may practically be multiplied by 2½ for Australia), during the past three years, was as follows:—

	British U. Kingdom.	Com'wealth.	Possessions.*	Foreign Countries.
	£	£	£	£
1897 ...	9,738,929 ...	7,788,077 ...	988,098 ...	6,345,126
1898 ...	7,734,580 ...	8,152,429 ...	1,238,153 ...	10,512,955
1899 ...	8,999,491 ...	8,982,574 ...	2,113,054 ...	8,477,598
1900 ...	9,253,272 ...	9,979,314 ...	2,914,997 ...	7,597,133
1901 ...	7,647,992 ...	9,140,497 ...	2,929,868 ...	7,733,270

The corresponding figures of imports may be shown as follows:—

	U. Kingdom.	Commonwealth.	Possessions*	Foreign Countries.
	£	£	£	£
1897 ...	7,357,009 ...	8,972,854 ...	1,485,999 ...	3,728,428
1898 ...	7,744,418 ...	11,721,033 ...	1,610,446 ...	3,377,063
1899 ...	8,311,251 ...	10,868,457 ...	2,174,785 ...	4,389,782
1900 ...	9,963,117 ...	10,164,088 ...	2,753,750 ...	5,130,115
1901 ...	10,102,941 ...	9,868,011 ...	2,910,709 ...	5,446,993

* Including New Zealand.

The exports to foreign countries exceed the imports therefrom, though the amount of difference is a diminishing one; the trade with the British possessions and the Commonwealth is a growing one; that with the United Kingdom considerably expanded in the four years.

The fifty-fourth annual report of the Australian Mutual Provident Society, which is issued rather earlier than usual, is a satisfactory one. Its new premium income amounts to £131,860, and total premiums £1,635,431; consideration for annuities granted, £39,193; interest on investments, £823,157; the total revenue aggregating £2,509,728. On the other side, claims under policies and bonuses absorbed £643,279; under endowment and endowment assurance policies, £305,935. For surrenders, £303,754; for annuities, £40,180; and for bonuses paid in cash, £40,180; a sum of £763, claimed under investment account matured, completing an aggregate income of £1,335,073 paid to members. As commission £11,604 was paid, £147,063 in expenses, and £39,727 for taxes. The total expenses of management were equal to 13·35 per cent. of the premium income. Outside of this £2061 had been absorbed in improving the society's premises, £10,811 applied for possible depreciation of securities, and £8400 written off office premises. As the result of the year's operations the funds had been increased by £914,598 to £18,779,112. The interest earned on invested funds was at the rate of £4 9s 2d per cent. per annum, or 4d less than in the previous year. The expenses of management amounted to 13·35 per cent. of the total premiums, against 13·18 per cent. in 1901. The actuary's report showed a surplus over liabilities of £614,480. Out of this the directors proposed to distribute in cash bonuses to members the sum of £558,867, which will provide reversionary bonuses aggregating over £1,000,000. last year's results having been an allotment of £538,725 for bonuses amounting to about £1,000,000. On the total premiums received the cash bonus is equal to 34·8 per cent., as against 34·1 per cent. in 1901. The result of the year's business is therefore more favourable than that of last year, and highly satisfactory. Recognition is made of the able services as director of Mr. Joseph Abbott, also of those of the Hon. Dr. Grace, of the New Zealand board.

The firm of Messrs. E. B. Williams and Co., 6 Queen's-place, has been converted into a limited liability company with a nominal capital of £100,000. Future business will be conducted under the title of the Williams' Meat Company, Limited. This firm are the packers of the well-known brand of "Union" preserved meats.

The effect of the decision of the Full Court, which makes it necessary for the Scottish Provident Institution to pay income tax to the New South Wales Government on interest derived from advances on mortgage on station property in this State though borrowed from the office in Melbourne, may be to compel the institution to open its offices in Sydney. In the past there has been too much disposition to make Melbourne the headquarters for the distribution of British capital in Australasia. The trend of events which has brought such an overwhelming amount of the banking and ordinary mercantile business to this city, and compelled many institutions in their own interests either to remove their headquarters or to open offices here, is still developing in the same direction; and such a decision as that of the Full Court of this State is in the like current. It may be very unpleasant for the Scottish Provident Institution to have to pay duty on income in Sydney after having paid it in Melbourne—a double duty, especially as a third impost has to be deducted in London. If the institution had an office in Sydney and lent its money therefrom it would at least escape the Victorian tax, and that is the obvious course to pursue, even if there was no additional tax as a spur to it. Any fresh investment of British capital would, if not interfered with by special labour or land or income tax provisions, naturally drift to this State, which having resources of the greatest magnitude in most kinds of capital, and in Australian direction is needed the place for it is in Sydney, not in Melbourne. The interests of this city and State have suffered in the past from control of monetary interests in the South, and perhaps nothing is more calculated to bring this home to the British capitalists than such a decision as that in our Supreme Court—obviously a fair one; for if any Australian State is to impose a tax it is the one in which the capitalist earns the money, not the one simply in which he receives it. That is why the money-lender in England feels aggrieved that he should have to pay the British income tax on money earned in Australia; as exemplified by the question asked in the House of Commons the other day.

A rather significant statement in the speech of the chairman of the Scottish Widows' Fund at the recent annual meeting is the fact that £100,000 was withdrawn from Australia during the past year and invested on mortgages in the United Kingdom. It is true that the average rate earned on investments was only £3 16s 7d per cent., but apparently directors are considering the risks to which capital is being exposed by the character of the actual and threatened legislation. Sometimes there is an attempt to ridicule statements of this kind, but there can be no doubt of it, or of the serious consequences it will have for the Commonwealth.

It seems as if the leather trade of Australia is likely to suffer, if it is not already suffering, from adulteration, if we are to judge by the following letter sent by the well-known firm of T. J. and T. Powell, of London, to a Sydney house:—

We have pleasure in acknowledging your favour of March 3. Re Normiess: With regard to this article, the New South Wales tanners are doing themselves incalculable damage by using it, and the consequences not only will fall, but have fallen, on their own heads. Furthermore, it is an absolutely dishonest thing for tanners to put into their leather anything whereby to disguise inferior leather without it. Will you, therefore, please convey to each and all of them our views on the matter. If they like to put that sort of injurious substance into the leather, it is a perfectly legitimate but an extremely unwise thing to do; but if when a contract has been made for their leather of the ordinary quality they treat it with this substance it is simply robbery. We believe this is the chief reason why the stock of New South Wales leather has accumulated so much during the past few months, and is now almost unsaleable, for London. With regard to further limits, we scarcely know what to say, as we are terrified to send any orders out in case the leather should continue to be adulterated with this vicious article. Please note in future that we do not wish any leather to be sent that has been treated with this spurious article unless it is accompanied by the words "Normiess," and then we shall know that the leather we bid for is an adulterated article, and the price we can give will naturally be affected by same. This applies, of course, to our general limits. We note that the copyright to normiess leather is very restricted at present, but this market can do perfectly well without any unless it comes at an equally favourable price to English leather and unadulterated.

It appears that the adulterant known as Normiess, of which the chemical name is Barium chloride, was introduced into Sydney tanneries about two years ago. It is a soft earthy substance, which when placed on the fleshy surface of the leather is absorbed and adds greatly to the weight, being chiefly used in sole and harness leather. It is obviously matter for regret that the growing trade in leather from this State should be prejudiced by adulteration. The statement of the charges will doubtless be sufficient to check the practice.

The resumption of the wool sales in Sydney today produced good competition. There was a strong market for all good wools at an advance of about 5 per cent. on last month's local auction rates. Greasy sold to 11d, and scoured to 22½d. The catalogues comprised 3313 bales, and the sales aggregated 2922 bales.

IMPORT MARKET.

A quiet wholesale demand was experienced to-day in this market. In other respects also the business conducted was quite featureless.

Another case of the hampering character of the Customs administration has been brought to light in Brisbane. The aggrieved firm writes as follows:—

As an instance of the absurd and tyrannical way in which the Customs Act is being administered, we can vouch for the correctness of the following incident. We are authorised by the firm referred to to mention the fact, but they do not wish their name made public. The firm referred to are Messrs. ——Co., who are large importers in Melbourne and Sydney, the parent firm being a very old-established firm in London:—Their representative sold a parcel of between £400 and £500 worth of silk in New Zealand. These goods were sold from Sydney, and ordinary drawback on goods exported beyond the Commonwealth was allowed. Shortly after the goods were shipped the New Zealand buyers had advices from their London agents that they had bought a large parcel in London of the same goods, which were then on their way out. Under these circumstances the New Zealand firm asked Messrs. ——, as a special favour, that the goods bought from them be taken back, as they would be overstocked in this particular class of goods. Messrs. —— agreed to this, and the goods were returned to Sydney. Messrs. —— offered to pay the full duty on these goods, and fully explained the position to the Collector of Customs. The Customs, however, refused to accept the duty or allow the goods to be again landed in Sydney, on the ground that there is a clause in the Act, viz., "That goods on which a drawback has been given cannot again be imported." The consequence is that the goods had to be taken back to New Zealand, and will there be realised at what they may bring.

This is clearly an instance where traders have been made to suffer unnecessarily without any good purpose whatsoever being served.

Tea.—There were fair inquiries to-day, without much actual business being accomplished.

Messrs. F. H. Dyer and Co. will offer on Friday next at the Royal Exchange Salerooms, in addition to the catalogue already announced, a supplementary catalogue of 320 packages of Ceylon teas, ex Rome, on account of Dalgety and Co., Limited.

Sugar.—A quiet demand was experienced at late prices.

Groceries.—Fifty cases of Trefavenna quarter sardines sold at 3s 9d, and 25 cases of halves at 5s 9d. Fifty cases of American canned fruits were placed at market rates.

The following sales of "Union" meats were reported:—225 cases of compressed corned beef, 1lb., and 50 cases of assorted 1lb. meats at market rates.

Dried Fruits.—Currants ruled firm at 4d on spot for trade lots with some inquiry. The "Produce Markets Review," dated London, April 4, states:—"The market for all kinds of currants remain steady with a moderate demand. The growing industry of small currants on the one hand and fine fruit on the other has not yet had any important influence on price, but it would seem that an advance in these qualities is eventually inevitable. The movement for an increase in the proportion of currants to be delivered by the growers to the Greek Government under the Retention Act is gaining ground, and it is expected that a maximum power of retention up to 30 per cent. of the crop will be arranged, as against 20 per cent. as at present."

Coffee.—A full tale of coffee options for the lowest point ever recorded redirects attention to the plans proposed for the relief of the present depression. A multiplicity of suggestions have been made, but only two seem to hold the field. One is that a tax should be imposed on coffee amounting to 20 per cent. of the total production, and that this should be paid in kind in the lower grades of coffee. The obvious objection to this, according to the London "statist," is that it would involve great waste. The coffee would be grown, gathered, marketed, and sent down to the ports, there to be destroyed. The answer to this objection is that the planters cannot be trusted. The second proposal is that instead of first raising and then destroying 20 per cent. of the coffee 20 per cent. of the trees should be cut down. The trees would grow again, so that ultimately there would be no loss of capital. But there would be a reduction of the production for a certain space of time.

Liquors.—Seasonable lines of liquors changed hands steadily on the basis of the lines recently quoted.

Metals.—Apart from a fair inquiry for fencing-wire from the country, business in this department was slow at unaltered rates.

Jute Goods.—Cornsacks were quiet at 4s 10d, branbags 5s 7d, and woolpacks is 10½d to is 11d. The exports of woolpacks from Calcutta to the United Kingdom from January 1 up to and inclusive of the Farsika shipment, not yet arrived, compare with those of the corresponding period of last year as follows:—

	Adelaide. Bales.	Melbourne. Bales.	Sydney. Bales.	Total. Bales.
1902 ...	205 ...	110 ...	3105 ...	3420
1903 ...	45 ...	5 ...	3372 ...	3422

It is, of course, yet early in the season for woolpacks, and these figures may easily be reversed when the 1st March shipments of the month or two are added to the list. The exports of cornsacks from Calcutta during the same two periods compare as follows:—

	Adelaide. Bales.	Melbourne. Bales.	Sydney. Bales.	Total. Bales.
1902 ...	100 ...	220 ...	850 ...	1170
1903 ...	10 ...	5 ...	...	15

It is unusual for Sydney to have the largest quantity of cornsacks shipped to it. Melbourne generally takes a much larger quantity, the Victorian crop of grain being heavier than that of New South Wales. The exports of branbags from Calcutta to Australian ports up to the same dates compare as follows:—

	Adelaide. Bales.	Melbourne. Bales.	Sydney. Bales.	Total. Bales.
1902 ...	90 ...	527 ...	560 ...	1181
1903 ...	108 ...	1,000 ...	570 ...	1678

Messrs. Shrager Brothers, writing from Calcutta under date April 20, state:—

We have a steady market to report. Business has been done on a very limited scale in heavy goods for near delivery, but mills will not make any concessions in price. This is due principally to the fact that there is a feeling of difficulty in keeping their labour together, and although same is a regular occurrence at this season of the year, it is somewhat more accentuated at present than usual. Another factor is the large mills now about operating freely is that rain is much needed in the jute districts to help the young plants, which are likely to be much set back by the excessive heat. We have still a few good showers during the next fortnight would certainly alter the outlook, and would in all probability cause a rapid advance in cut to set in. Meanwhile prices are more or less at a standstill for forward delivery, while for near delivery odd lots are being taken by exporters to fill orders.

Oils.—American kerosene sold freely at 9¾d to 10d, and Borneo at 9d, for cases. Turpe were in fair request in distributing parcels at about 3s 6½d. 100 drums of Blundell, Spence, and Co.'s raw and boiled linseed oil went at 3s 6½d and 3s 5¾d respectively. Castor oil was sold at 2s 5½d, with a slow demand. The exports of castor oil from Calcutta to Sydney during the first four months of the current year compare with those of the corresponding periods of the two earlier years as follows:—

	Cases.	Half-cases.	Drums.
1901	8838	215	2574
1902	1008	270 ...	515
1903	1693	100 ...	250

China oil changed hands in small lots at 2s 6d. Two tons of Hibbert's white lead were priced. Three tons of Ferguson's sold at £27 10s per cwts.; and Champion's was quoted at £28 15s per cwts. and £29 15s for quarters.

Messrs. S. H. Harris and Co. will offer to-morrow (Wednesday), without reserve, the stock of the assigned estate of W. M'Kenzie, tailor, particulars of which are advertised elsewhere.

Return of produce received at Sydney and Clyde per rail for the week ended May 19:—Butter, 32 kegs and 961 cases; cheese, 60 cases; bacon and hams, 2 cases; fruit, 1 case; hay, 475 trucks; straw, 3 trucks; chaff, 94 trucks; wool, 1222 bales; sheepskins, 1076 bales; flour, 11 tons; barley, 1 ton; maize, 2 tons; potatoes, 1 ton; bran, 26 tons; pollard, 22 tons.

The Customs revenue received at Sydney to-day amounted to £13,342. The principal items were:—Stimulants, £3811; narcotics, £639; sugar, £1361; agricultural products and provisions, £1,040; apparel and textiles, £1727; metals and machinery, £1023; oils, paints, and varnishes, £236; earthenware, cement, &c., £226; drugs and chemicals, £64; wood, cane, and straw, £39; jewellery and fancy goods, £118; leather and rubber, £405; paper and stationery, £132; vehicles, £151; musical instruments, £34; miscellaneous, £153; harbour and light dues, £191; pilotage, £61; harbour dues, £39; excise on spirits, £421; excise on tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes, £1239; excise on beer, £91; excise on starch, £15.

EXPORT MARKET.

Australian Wine Exports.—The wine trade during the current year has hardly kept up to the satisfactory figures of last year for the same period. The Board of Trade returns show the imports of wine into the United Kingdom from various sources during the first three months of the current year to compare with those of the corresponding period of the two earlier years as follows:—

First Three Months.

	1901. Gallls.	1902. Gallls.	1903. Gallls.
Imports: From			
Germany ...	204,928 ...	129,333 ...	132,213
Holland ...	153,343 ...	183,932 ...	216,190
France ...	1,240,758 ...	1,129,991 ...	1,293,774
Portugal ...	948,667 ...	1,080,563 ...	833,548
Madeira ...	14,447 ...	14,243 ...	11,630
Spain, Red ...	659,269 ...	553,623 ...	464,600
Spain, White ...	389,050 ...	349,493 ...	338,743
Italy ...	101,097 ...	70,331 ...	73,104
British South Africa ...	847 ...	703 ...	986
Australia ...	127,647 ...	235,380 ...	157,822
Other Countries ...	99,869 ...	42,942 ...	71,033
Total of Wine ...	3,991,377 ...	3,910,580 ...	3,655,993

Butter and Cheese Receipts.—The following comparisons may be made of the receipts of butter and cheese by rail during last week and those of the corresponding week of last year:—

	Last Year.	Last Week.
Butter, kegs	42	32
Butter, cases	604	981
Cheese, cases	119	60

Wool Receipts (Tuesday).—By rail 169 bales, and coastwise 29 bales.

BREADSTUFFS.

Wheat and flour both ruled very quiet. The former was quoted as follows:—Californian, 5s 1d to 5s 2d; Argentine, 5s 3d; Manitoba, 5s 6d; and the latter as follows:—Local, £12 to £12 5s; Californian, £11 15s; Manitoba, £12 15s; and Washington £11 per ton.

The receipts of wheat and flour by rail at Sydney, Clyde, Homebush, Burwood, Ashfield, Petersham, and Newtown during the week ended May 19, compared with those of the previous week and the corresponding week of last year, are as follow:—

	Wheat. Tons.	Flour. Tons.
Week ended May 19	...	11
Previous week	...	18
Last year	1,191 ...	773

The receipts of wheat and flour during the first 21 statistical weeks of the present year and the preceding seven years are as follow:—

	Wheat. Tons.	Flour. Tons.
First 21 weeks in 1896	8,597 ...	8,633
First 21 weeks in 1897	17,270 ...	8,851
First 21 weeks in 1898	40,233 ...	12,312
First 21 weeks in 1899	34,756 ...	6,587
First 21 weeks in 1900	77,717 ...	8,371
First 21 weeks in 1901	127,986 ...	16,825
First 21 weeks in 1902	113,353 ...	15,083
First 21 weeks in 1903	13,543 ...	1,326

The receipts of mill offals by rail during the past week compared with those of the corresponding period of last year are as follow:—

	Last Year. Tons.	Last Week. Tons.
Bran	109 ...	90
Pollard	89 ...	129

The prices ruling to-day for wheat and its products compare with those ruling 12 months ago as follow:—

	A Year Ago.	To-day.
Wheat, per bushel ...	4s 6	5s 1*
Flour, per ton ...	9 5 0	12 0 0
Bran, per bushel ...	0 1 3	0 1 3
Pollard, per bushel ...	0 1 3½	0 1 5

* This price is for Californian, whereas last year it was local wheat that was quoted.

At the corresponding date in 1901 the prices of the leading lines were:—Wheat, 2s 6½d; flour, 4s 5s; bran, 9d; and pollard, 9d per bushel.

The imports and exports of wheat and flour at the port of Sydney from January 1 to May 16 compare with those for the corresponding period of last year as follows:—

	Wheat. 1902. Bushels.	1903. Bushels.	Flour. 1902. Tons.	1903. Tons.
Imports ...	849 ...	2,984,397 ...	1,936 ...	25,013
Exports ...	1,667,989 ...	45,590 ...	7,728 ...	6,292
Net imports ...

ON THE LAND.

FARM AND STATION.

THE BRANDING OF HIDES.

Further efforts will shortly be made by the various associations concerned to have legislation introduced next session to prevent injury to hides by fire branding on the best parts of the hide. A bill was drafted some 18 months ago to consolidate and amend the law relating to branding and marking live stock, and an influential deputation composed of fellmongers, tanners, hide and skin merchants, and breeders, and some progressive pastoralists will probably wait upon the Minister for Agriculture at an early date, and urge consideration of this measure. It is regrettable that it should be necessary to make a proper system of branding compulsory in the interests of those who breed, brand, and sell stock. The administration of such an Act would necessitate the appointment of inspectors, and would cause some irritation and friction at the outset. The usual outcry against State interference may be expected before and after the passing of the measure, and people who are inherently opposed to everything that is new to them simply because it is new will be very much annoyed when they are compelled by law to add about 5s per head to every beast they breed. All this could be avoided if cattlemen generally would consent to brand on the neck or the cheek, and to use the ear for distinctive marks. There would be no changes in the registration of brands, the breeders and owners of cattle would simply change the positions of their marks. It seems, however, that while a number of cattlemen agree that the change should be made, others cannot recognise its value, and in consequence of their attitude they lose on the price of their cattle in common with the trades which depend upon the manipulation of Australian hides and their conversion into leather. Messrs. George Wilcox and Co. state that the selling trade has at times induced breeders to send unbranded hides to Sydney, and these have realised considerably higher price than the branded hides. The results have been sent abroad, but the general body of cattlemen remain wedded to the old system of branding. They contend that their interests are not concerned, that they sell their cattle in the hideagand it is the business of other people to dispose of the hides. As a matter of practice the buyers always take the values of hides into consideration while buying live cattle, just as they consider the relative values of skins in buying sheep. New South Wales loses in average seasons about £100,000 per annum through hides being branded on the best parts, and nearly the whole of that money is lost to cattle-breeders or those who rear the animals. Under the circumstances, since breeders will not move, Parliament should be justified from a national point of view in protecting a valuable industry by insisting that the losses should be avoided. Mr. Sidney Wilcox has collected a great deal of information on this subject in London and elsewhere, and has given Mr. Lance, the commercial agent, the benefit of his notes. Mr. Lance has also gone thoroughly into the question, and has written a strong report to the Minister for Agriculture urging that legislation should be at once introduced for compelling branding on the necks and cheeks only. The bill we have referred to provides for branding only on the cheeks and either side of the neck. Two brands, the owner's and a store brand, are allowed, and provision is made for ear-marking; age brands to be on the rear cheek, but reversed numerals denoting the number of an animal in the breeder's studbook may be branded on any part of the animal. The rough draft only is prepared, and we may hope that leading cattle-breeders who recognise the importance of securing proper values for hides based on an improvement in leather made from Australian produce will assist in framing the bill and use their influence in having it assented to by Parliament.

THE PASTURES PROTECTION ACT.

ARE THE OLD STOCK BOARDS DEFUNCT?

Mr. H. M. Salenger, Bourke, writes:—"It is understood that the Chief Inspector for Stock has stated that the sheep and stock boards hitherto existing have now ceased to exist. That proclamation has no opinion upon the ground that the Stock Act of 1901 is repealed by the Pastures Protection Act, 1902. But this latter Act provides that, notwithstanding such repeal, the provisions of the Stock Act shall remain in force until the date of the first election of pastures protection boards. Now, with respect to those districts to which the Rabbit Act, 1902, did not apply, it is provided that the Minister shall prepare a roll showing the names of all persons entitled to vote at the election of directors, and thereafter such roll shall be kept and revised as occasion shall require by the bodies or persons whose name is on such roll shall be entitled to vote and be eligible for election as a director. In pursuance of the Act the Minister prepared and published electors' rolls for various districts, but omitted therefrom the names of all "resident managers" on stations where the owner or occupier was a non-resident, notwithstanding that it was previously pointed out to him such resident managers were clearly entitled under the interpretation clause to be enrolled. Subsequently the Minister reconsidered that decision and took it upon himself to amend all the rolls already prepared, and prepared and published a second or revised roll, including therein the names of resident managers and excluding the names of non-resident owners and occupiers. Thereupon certain gentlemen whose names appear upon the revised roll, but not on the original, wrote to the Minister, and his name likewise not only appear upon the revised roll and have since been declared elected. Under what authority has the Minister cancelled the first roll and published the second? (which as I have pointed out disfranchises a number of persons whose name were on the first.) It has not long ago been declared by the Supreme Court of three Judges that a proclamation made under the Early Closing Act could only be altered in a manner prescribed by the Act and not by a later Gazette notification of the Minister. As mentioned, the electoral roll is to be revised by the board, consequently it seems that the revised roll is a nullity and the election of the directors thereunder questionable. However, the Act fortunately provides that in the event of no proper election taking place the Governor may appoint the necessary number to constitute a board, and it is now expedient that this provision of the Act should be availed of without delay, for though the statute declares that the validity of any Acts of a board shall not be affected by any informality or irregularity in its constitution, the constitution of the board itself is not protected from being challenged. If this be so it follows that the old boards continue in existence until the new boards are legally constituted.

SEED WHEAT COMPLAINTS.

HILLSTON.—Farmers complain of being unable to put in wheat already supplied on account of the non-receipt of a fodder allowance. In many instances the wheat is still at Carrathool, 80 miles away, awaiting delivery from that cause.

DISTRICT ITEMS.

GRAFTON.—A meeting of the council of the Clarence Pastoral and Agricultural society a committee was appointed to arrange for the district to be represented by a trophy at the next Brisbane show.

MOLONG.—At the annual meeting of the Eugowra Branch of the Farmers' and Settlers' Association, the following officers were elected:—President, Mr. W. Niven; secretary, Mr. James Marsh. The annual report showed a satisfactory position. Efforts are being made to establish a branch at Manildra. Flying foxes are in thousands along the banks of the Lachlan River. It is 14 years since they were previously seen in such numbers. Farming operations are being pushed forward throughout the district, and a large area is being placed under crop. Many fields of early sown wheat are showing up well, and the outlook is very encouraging.

AGRICULTURAL SHOWS.

NYNGAN, NYNGAN, Tuesday.

The annual show of the Nyngan Pastoral and Agricultural Society opened to-day in beautiful weather. There was a large attendance, comparing most favourably with that of the past. Horses, blood and draught stock were well represented, and the ring events were the best seen for years, showing the result of the late good season. The goat class was the entry was small, were of excellent quality. Bird and Goldsborough, jun., short, were chief exhibitors. The former scoring firsts and champions in both sections. Fat sheep were well represented, Stamm being first, and Ward and Sutherland seconds. Cattle entries were poor. In exhibits of garden and farm produce there was a great improvement on last year, and the poultry display was the best on record.

STOCK MOVEMENTS.

GUNDAGAI, Tuesday:

5800 sheep, from Brindabella, on to Jerilderie, A. Mason owner; 900 sheep, from Batlow to Hay, A. Milliken owner; 3300 sheep, from Cooma to Berrilon, W. Clayton owner; 125 sheep, from Talbingo to Rudore, C. C. M'Clarty owner; 400 sheep, from Cherry Hill to Dingbo Dingbo, James Gibbons owner; 2100 sheep, from Kiandra to the Bland, H. Pearce owner; 2300 sheep and 21 rams, from Blowering to Byrock, London Bank of Australia owners; 84 head cattle, from Tumut to Gundagai, J. Cooke owner; 85 head cattle, from Bowral to Goeup, J. Egan owner.

THE SPIT PUNT.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Are the Government punts in this State run for the public good? Take the Spit punt for instance; the public have to pay for it have to sit outside—I mean foot passengers, of whom there are hundreds—absolutely without any shelter, either from the blazing sun or the drenching rain. We had until just recently a small place that would hold about four persons, but this was denied by order of goodness knows who. What the residents of Manly and district, and their member are thinking about to put up with the Spit punt is beyond my understanding. I am, &c.,

FRANK BATE.

Clontarf, May 18.

SPORTING.

THE TURF.

The Randwick "magpie" track was in splendid order for fast work yesterday morning, and the weather was bright and springlike. Nahpro led off by beating La Blaise over six furlongs in 1m. 21s., while Purser and Ivan ran nine furlongs comfortably in 2m. 6s., Lord Monmouth taking a head with them over the last mile. Steelrail, No Name, and First Water II. travelled over seven furlongs at a stout working pace, and Noble Lady was not extended to run a similar distance in 1m. 35s., while Queen of Sheba, Redmond, Redeemed, Vocalist, and Wrens all did useful tasks, none being fully extended, Euston easily held Baccarat at the end of five furlongs, run in 1m. 6s., and La Valletta slipped over half a mile in 52s. Lord Cardigan badly beat a Kingsley colt over five furlongs in 1m. 54s., and Cambalfield, Ramsay, the Money Spinner gelding, Speculum II., Australia, Possum, Greenstone, Speculum, and Happy Days all travelled at about three-quarter pace; while Athena, Carwse, Isa, Rockleigh, Air Motor, and Belah did slow work. Milner sailed over Belmore II. at the finish of a mile, run in 1m. 54s., and over a similar distance Lochhart beat Danuy Mann by a dozen lengths in 1m. 48½s. Letta Gnaroo traversed a mile at nearly full speed, and Master Correze beat Victory over five furlongs in 1m. 10s. Mochlin had more to say than Roe Royale in a run over half a mile, accomplished in 50s.; and Can run six furlongs in 1m. 22s. Oberon II. beat Keen by several lengths in a gallop over nine furlongs, for which 2m. 4s. was the time recorded, and Haut Star placed a mile to his credit in 1m. 52s. Blue Rock and Suivre strode over a mile in 1m. 46s., a distance which Tumpsie left behind in 1m. 62½s. Expectation II. left six furlongs astern in 1m. 21s., and Barindi beat Nimrud over five in 1m. 8s. Equator was a couple of lengths in front of Ariana at the right end of nine furlongs, run in 2m. 5s., while Nodnod and Brutwood worked usefully over seven furlongs in 1m. 39½s. Fireclay, Tam o' Shanter, Guardsvan, Kensington, and a host of others were out doing slow work.

The Randwick trainer, W. Kelso, left yesterday by steamer for Brisbane with Purser, Ivan, and Lord Monmouth. The Clifton filly Francesca, which Mr. James Thompson has leased to A. J. Noud, of Brisbane, also went by the same boat.

Brewarrina grassfed race meeting was on Tuesday granted registration by the A.J.C.

The Mosvirt gelding Weerah is reported to have changed hands at Narrabri, Mr. M. Maher purchasing him at 200 guineas.

Danuy Mann was yesterday struck out of the Stewards' Mile in connection with the Moorefield May Meeting.

Trainers' and jockeys' tickets for the Moorefield May Meeting can be obtained at the office of the club up to 4 p.m. on Friday.

The secretary, Mr. S. Peters, will receive entries up to 5 p.m. to-day for the pony and galloway races to be held at Brighton on Friday next.

Pony and galloway races will be held at Kensington to-day, the first event starting at 2.15 p.m.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN SPORTING NEWS.

ADELAIDE, Tuesday.

The inquiry into the running of Sojourner in the St. Leger Stakes and Adelaide Cup was resumed by the stewards of the S.A.J.C. this afternoon. Ten witnesses were called by the stewards and eight by C. Quinn. After hearing the evidence, the following decision was arrived at:—"That in the opinion of the stewards Sojourner was fairly ridden in the St. Leger, and that the stewards have been unable to elicit any conclusive evidence that Sojourner was by any unfair means rendered unfit to run up to his best form in the St. Leger."

The following scratchings were recorded to-day in connection with the Birthday meeting of the A.R.C.:—Ballyroghan for the City Handicap; Wairiti and Flagship for all engagements; and Randwick and Stuart King for the Birthday Cup.

Kilt left for Melbourne to-day on the Burrumbeet. It is intended to school him for hurdle racing, and he will go into Alec. Taylor's stable.

ROSEBERY PARK PONY AND GALLOWAY RACES.

Following are the results of the pony and galloway races held at Rosebery Park yesterday:—

Fourteen-three Handicap, 4f.—B. Jonas's Pivot, 7st 9lb (Wagner), 1; Portrait, 8st, 2; Bernice, 7st 12lb, 3. Eight started. Betting: 5 to 2 Pivot, 3 to 2 v. Bernice, 4 to 1 v. Fairy Scene. Won by a neck. Time, 54s.

Fourteen-one Welter Handicap, 4f.—First heat: O. Perry's Myalba, 8st (Moy), 1; Friendship, 8st, 2lb. Five started. Betting: 5 to 4 v. Friendship, 2 to 1 v. Myalba, 4 to 1 v. Miss Arden. Won by a length. Time 53½s. Second heat: Cheerful, 8st 4lb (Cheffins), 1; Stella, 9st 2lb, 2. Six started. Betting: 5 to 4 on Cheffitain, 2 to 1 v. Stella, 3 to 1 v. Alice. Won by a length. Time, 52½s. Cheffain was withdrawn and Myalba declared the winner.

Thirteen-three Handicap, 4f.—J. Tomlinson's Kempsey, aged, 8st 9lb (Moy), 1; Mirror, 8st 4lb, 2; Kallemie, 8st, 3. Six ran. Won by a length. Time, 53s. Fifth started.

Trial Welter Handicap, 4f.—First heat: W. Dale's E. M. B., 8st 9lb (Vinnan), 1; St. George, 9st 2lb, 2. Nine started. Betting: 6 to 4 v. King's Daughter, 5 to 2 v. E. M. B., 4 to 1 v. St. George. Won by half a length. Time, 53½s. Second heat: Lorne, 8st 4lb (Tunney, 8st 2lb (Riley), 1; Grafter, 8st 11lb, 2. Eight started. Betting: Even money on Church Hour, 5 to 2 v. Tunney, 7 to 1 v. Grafter. Won by two lengths. Time, 52s. The run-off was won by E. M. B., 9st.

Fourteen-two Handicap, 4f.—C. O'Rourke's Primrose, 8st 9lb (J. Williams), 1; Elwyn, 8st 10lb, 2; Lady Cameron, 8st, 3. Four started. Betting: 5 to 4 v. Primrose, 5 to 2 v. Lady Correze. Won by a head. Time, 51½s.

Rosebery Park Handicap, 6f.—Z. Murray's Freelance, 7st 9lb (Vicki), 1; Protestant, 8st 9lb, 2; Our State, 8st 5lb, 3. Nine started. Betting: 3 to 1 v. Empire, 4 to 1 each v. Flavour and Freelance, 5 to 1 v. Sealind, 6 to 1 each v. Our State and Grey Queen. Won by half a length. Time, 1m. 27½s.

QUEENSLAND TURF CLUB AUTUMN MEETING.

BRISBANE, Tuesday.

The final acceptances were declared to-day for the following events to be decided on the first day of the above meeting:—

Autumn Stakes, 7f.—Whitehall, 9st 10lb; Little Boy, 8st 8lb; Archduchess, 8st 3lb; Sir Patrick, 8st; Buckthorn, 7st 8lb; Nanango, 7st 5lb; King Jewel, 7st 2lb; Messenger, 7st.

St. Leger Stakes—1½m. and 132yds.

Mr. S. M. Wilson's br g Loma, by Little Bernie—Cinzina

Mr. M. F. Ramsay's ch c Harrow, by Mostyn—Lady Loveless.

Hon. H. Mosman's br c Balfour, by Little Bernie—Trent Bove.

Mr. D. Beattie's b c St. Bernard, by Little Bernie—The Nun.

SCONE JOCKEY CLUB.

SCONE, Tuesday.

The following entries have been received for the events to be run at the meeting of the above club:—

Opening Handicap, 9f.—Plain Hill II., May, Miss Minerva, Alton, Gentleman Jim, Radiance, First Charge.

Satur Handicap, 1m.—Parade, Plain Hill II., Moonitaub, Molly Butler, T.S., Silk, Kilton, Harvest Home, Argentum.

Stewards' Mile, 1m.—Chronograph, Parade, Molly Butler, Clydesdale, T.S., Silk, Harvest Home, Argentum, Moura.

Flying Handicap, 4f.—Nomad, Tellurian, Dover, May, Miss Minerva, Joe, Kilton, Gentleman Jim, Argentum, Radiance.

Scone J. C. Handicap, 1m. 1f.—Parade, Moonitaub, Molly Butler, T.S., Silk, Kilton, Harvest Home, Argentum.

COURSING.

N.S.W. NATIONAL COURSING ASSOCIATION.

The draw for the N.S.W. Derby and Oaks will take place as advertised at Usher's Metropolitan Hotel this morning, at 11 o'clock, and the card will be called by Mr. Jerrome at 8 o'clock in the evening. The meeting will commence to-morrow, and will be continued on Friday at Rooty Hill. Recent rains have placed the course in good order and the hares are strong and well trained. Dogs have been nominated from Melbourne and all the principal coursing centres of New South Wales. The events have well filled, and everything points to a successful meeting at the popular rysting place at Woodstock. A special train will leave Redfern Station at 9.15 each morning, and holiday excursion tickets will be issued.

GOLF.

SUBURBAN AND COUNTRY GOLF ASSOCIATION.

The following players have been selected to represent the Combined Suburbs v. Royal Sydney Golf Club at Bondi on Saturday, viz.:—1, G. D. Foster (Marrickville); 2, James Kidd (Concord); 3, F. A. A. Russell (Hunter's Hill); 4, E. B. Dewhurst (Strathfield); 5, A. F. Christoe (Hunter's Hill); 6, J. E. Stokes (Marrickville); 7, R. Colquhoun (Lindfield); 8, L. Keep (Concord); 9, W. A. Windeyer (Hunter's Hill); 10, Pte. F. C. Braithwaite (Lindfield); 11, Rev. C. A. White (Strathfield); 12, T. G. C. Allen (Doonreydel). The names are given in the probable order of starting.

CYCLING.

Two mile handicaps under the control of the League will be decided on Saturday before and during the interval of the Collingwood—Fitzroy football match. One is for cash prizes, and the other for League amateurs. Entries close with the secretary of the League on Thursday evening.

ATHLETICS.

INTER 'VARSITY SPORTS MEETING.

The annual athletic contests between representatives of the Sydney and the Melbourne universities will be held this afternoon at the University Oval.

FOOTBALL.

AUSTRALIAN RULES.

COLLINGWOOD v. FITZROY.

The Collingwood team arrived yesterday morning at 6.25, and were welcomed on behalf of the league by Messrs. Baillieu, Laird, Burton, Pascoe, Bennett, Reynolds, and M'Leod. During the afternoon they indulged in some useful practice on the Sydney Cricket Ground. The Fitzroy team arrives this morning. The official reception to the two teams will take place at the Sports Club on Thursday afternoon, at 2 o'clock.

In connection with the Collingwood-Fitzroy match on Saturday, the League of New South Wales Wheelmen has arranged for two handicaps to be run at 2.15 p.m. The distance of each is a mile, and the one is open to professionals and the other to amateurs. M'Donald, Rigden, and other cracks are expected to compete. Entries close on Thursday for both events.

BILLIARDS.

N.S.W. AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP.

Mr. E. S. Marks presided on Monday evening over a meeting of the Sports Club committee, controlling the amateur championship of New South Wales at billiards. The amateur definition was considered, and it was decided to add a clause so as to prevent amateurs meeting professionals in tournament. The addition reads,—"An amateur billiard player shall be one who (a) . . . (b) has not entered nor competed with or against a professional for a prize of any description or in exhibition." This, of course, will not apply to any tournaments now running, but will take effect after the events. The value of the prize offered by the Sports Club was fixed at £10 10s, and it was decided to hold the championship at the National Sporting Club, Castlereagh-street, commencing on June 16.

NATIONAL SPORTING CLUB TOURNAMENT.

The following games were played in the above tournament last night:—Rowley Eaton (owes 35) beat E. Clifton (receives 80) by 113. Mr. Eaton, with breaks of 54, 38, and 40, executed in fine form, caught his opponent at 117. J. Murtough (receives 100) beat S. H. Lowsil (receives 65) by 75. The best for to-night are:—M. Davis (receives 140) v. W. Waggs (owes 150), H. Cohen (receives 80) v. P. Hart (scratch).

STEVENSON, THE ENGLISH CHAMPION, AT PERTH.

PERTH, Monday.

The English billiard player, Stevenson, played a match against F. Lindrum, jun., known as the boy champion, in the Alberts Club, Perth, to-night. Stevenson gave Lindrum 600 in 1000 and beat him by 185. Stevenson's best breaks were 165 and 163.

PIGEON SHOOTING.

N.S.W. GUN CLUB.

A private match took place yesterday at the above club's ground, between Buckley and W. Estes, for a sum a side; 100 birds, 30 yards rise. The match was well contested, and Estes succeeded in winning by six birds. The scores were: Estes, 95; Buckley, 89. Messrs. Glenister and Sherrard refereed. Estes killed his first 50 birds, missed the 51st, 52nd, 65th, and 66th, and then finished with a break of 22.

Members' Sweepstakes followed:—

First Sweep, 11 competitors:—Comte F. de Neiva (30), 1; Hill (22½), and A. Hall, Assumed (21), divided, killing five.

Second Sweep, 11 competitors:—G. Medini (26½) and Glenister (23), divided, killing five.

Third Sweep, 10 competitors:—G. Medini (25½), J. F. Meynink (23), and A. Hall (22) divided, killing nine.

Fourth Sweep, 9 competitors: Comte F. de Neiva (30), Glenister (26), and C. A. Haley (25) divided, killing eight.

* Assumed.

SAILING.

ROYAL SYDNEY YACHT SQUADRON.

The Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron have arranged what should prove a most enjoyable afternoon's sailing for Saturday, the 30th instant. The idea is to mark the close of the yacht racing season. The Flag Officers will be present, and the Commodore, to be called a "squadron afternoon," and will be held at the delightfully situated clubhouse, Carabella, Neutral Bay. A band will be stationed on the lawn, and the committee have decided to hold some aquatic events immediately in front of the club premises. The programme will consist of motor boat and launch racing races, &c., all to be run over short courses so as to be in full view from the lawn from start to finish. Prizes in the form of cups are to be given by the various of the various clubs except in a race for yachts' hands, for which £3 and £1 have been allotted.

The following programme has been decided upon. The entries, which close next Saturday, are free, and are open to any craft:—Power boats not exceeding 22ft. overall handicap; power boats over 22ft. overall handicap; handling gig race open to any power boat; bona-fide yachts' dinghy under canvas handicap; yachts' dingy race, open to bona-fide yachts' handling gig; pair oar sculls; tug-of-war between power boats of equal power. The prizes for these events are to be presented immediately at the conclusion of the afternoon's sport.

INTER-STATE ROWING.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—I notice in your issue a letter signed by George C. Eastes, giving his opinion why the New South Wales eight-oared crew made such a poor display in the last inter-state race rowed lately in Melbourne. In the first place Mr. Eastes says far more time than is necessary is given to training. Now in my opinion Mr. Eastes is quite wrong, as the men were never thoroughly trained, and to prove what I state, were never in the race after the first half-mile. Mr. Eastes then states that the crew did rows of 42 miles, which caused them to lose a lot of weight and strength. As an old rowing man, and who has gone thoroughly into the methods of training, I know quite well that the long hard rows stand by a crew when the final struggle takes place, and that the so-called sprints which our rowing men at the present time indulge in are quite useless at the end of a three or four mile race. I do not say a word against the men who fought for our State, but I must say they never did the work to last them over a course of three miles. Mr. Eastes goes on to say that it is to be hoped the New South Wales Rowing Association will turn to the situation, but if our men don't row right through the year the same as the Victorians and crews of the other States intend, as we do, a few weeks before the race comes off), we can never expect to win. In conclusion, I would like to know if the boat used a few weeks ago, and is probably housed in one of the sheds, is likely to be afloat before the next inter-state race.

I am, &c., R. A. CLARK.

MILITARY NEWS.

IMPENDING STAFF CHANGES.

Several changes, it is anticipated, will be made in the personnel of Major-General Hutton's headquarters staff on June 30 next. Colonel J. E. Taunton, the deputy Quartermaster-General, retires in consequence of the age regulation, and has no successor will probably be Lieutenant-Colonel W. T. Bridges, the assistant Quartermaster-General. The retirement of Lieutenant-Colonel J. J. Byron, C.M.G., the assistant Adjutant-General for Artillery, who, it is stated, has accepted a lucrative position in South Africa, has already been announced; and Lieutenant-Colonel H. Le Mesurier, staff officer for the Australian Horse, who is at present filling the position temporarily, is expected to be permanently appointed. Lieutenant-Colonel M. W. Bayly, the assistant Adjutant-General, appears to be the officer marked out to succeed to the command of the Tasmanian troops; and his place may be taken by Lieutenant-Colonel Irving, of Victoria.

The vacancy created by Lieutenant-Colonel Le Mesurier's probable promotion is considered will not be filled, in consequence of the reorganisation of the New South Wales mounted troops into six regiments of Light Horse. In that case it is surmised that Lieutenant-Colonel J. M. Antill, C.B., will be staff officer for the 1st Brigade of three regiments, and Major M. A. Hilliard, D.S.O., the staff officer for the 2nd Brigade.

ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

The annual inspection by Brigadier-General Finn of the Army Medical Corps (partially paid establishment) will be held on Saturday next at 12.30 p.m. In addition to the two headquarters companies, the Newcastle company will also be present. Parades will also be held in the morning and in the afternoon.

SOUTH AFRICAN GRATUITIES.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

Inquiries have been made as to when the second payment of £5 due to members of the Fifth South African Contingent would be paid, the amounts for other States having already been settled. The only hitch here is the necessity of obtaining the certificate of Major Hutton, now resident in South Australia, and the Defence Department is in communication with that officer.

For Chronic Chest Complaints, Woods' Great Peppermint Cure. 1s 6d.—A4vt.

CARRINGTON CONVALESCENT HOSPITAL.

The monthly meeting of the board of directors of the Carrington Convalescent Hospital was held at Vickery's-chambers on May 14. There were present the Hon. H. Moses, M.L.C. (vice-president) in the chair, Messrs. M. Gotthelf (hon. treasurer), John Keep, W. H. Anderson, and Dr. Cecil Purser and F. F. Manch (hon. secretaries). The report on the work of the hospital for the month of April showed that 85 patients had been admitted and 88 discharged, of whom 84 were cured, 2 benefited, and 2 were unrelieved. Their average residence was 25 days, and the average daily number for the month was 84. There were 85 remaining in on April 30. The matron submitted a satisfactory report as to the condition of the institution. Sanction was given for improving the roadways and other minor works within the hospital grounds.

INSURANCE INSTITUTE.

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS.

Mr. J. J. Allen delivered the presidential address to members of the Insurance Institute of New South Wales last evening. Taking all branches of the institute's work and economy Mr. Allen held his audience with an address in which humour had an important part. He said that an insurance man was never a politician. He simply paid his taxes and his debts when he had any, and spent the rest of his amiable existence among the physical and moral hazards common to all. But the bad feelings like and of men, and when he saw his country traduced, and read in the home papers the scare heading, "Is Australia Bankrupt?" he said things. Australia taxed population, but not politicians. It could spare some of the latter. He was afraid that too much prominence was given to the mouthings of political mountebanks as against the sound, solid principles of Australians generally. Australia was over-governed, and not economically managed. Insurance was not a gamble but a business governed by the laws of mathematics and common sense. He deprecated the serious amount of competition existing among the various insurance societies, and some of the methods adopted by those who pushed business at the sacrifice of truth and honour. He advocated the following objects:—To obtain a federal life assurance act within the Commonwealth, so as to provide among other things for the protection of life policies in the event of assignments or insolvencies; uniform terms of contracts, and regulations as to Government deposits, or, alternately, a standard of solvency, and a State standard of valuation; uniform policy conditions (so as to prevent policy holders being misled by the multiplicity of the various conditions existing); uniform medical reports and charges; agreement, or exchange of, mortality experience; and generally to establish sound practice on all matters capable of mutual adjustment. He also dealt in interesting fashion with the subjects of fire assurance, the volunteer fire brigade system, the water supply, the demand of municipal councils, floating fire engines, marine insurance, underwriting, accident and burglary insurance, and cognate matters. A vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Allen for his address.

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ENGINEERS' LATHES, Single and Double Punching and Shearing Machines, Wall Radial and Radial Drilling Machines, Planing Machines, Multitubular and Vertical Boilers and Engines, Cold Iron saws, Machines all sizes and descriptions, also 5 tons W.I. Pile Frame. JOHN M'CORMICK and SON, Mow-street, Ultimo.

FOR SALE, by Private TENDER, 8-h.p. Vertical BOILER and 6-h.p. Horizontal Engine, both in good condition, also Buildings attached, wood, brick, and iron, situated at Balmain-road, Leichhardt, and late occupied by Tuckett and Co., confectioners. Tenders received to 1st June by RIDDELL BROS., Limited, Darling Harbour, from whom further particulars may be obtained. The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

FOR SALE, 14-h.p. Hor. Engine, £75; 30-h.p. Multitubular Boiler, £100; Pulsometer Pump, 12,000 gal. per hour, £150; 10-h.p. Horizontal Engine, Double Cylinder Steam Winch, £50. T. K. SMITH, 687 George-street.

ONE Horizontal Condensing ENGINE, 22in. cylinder, 42in. stroke, with 6in. C. I. steam pipping, and 4in. C. I. exhaust.

1 Horizontal ENGINE and FLYWHEEL, 16in. cylinder, 36in. stroke.

BOILER, by Auction at WATERLOO HOTEL, on FRIDAY, 22nd May, at 11 o'clock. See Auction Notices.

FOR SALE, large double-ended Punching and Shearing MACHINE, also LATHE, 9in. centre, also large Iron SAWBENCH, 30in. saw. Apply

R. T. BALL, Allen-street, Ultimo.

PORTABLE and FIXED STEAM and OIL ENGINES, Thrashers, High and Low Lift Centrifugal and Steam Pumps, Sawmilling and Woodworking Machinery, Fire Engines, Dynamos, &c.

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JOINER'S MACHINERY PLANT, complete, for SALE, consisting of 6-h.p. Gas Engine, Circular Saw, Bandsaw, Hand Planer, Emery Machine, Dowelling Machine, Sandpap'r Mach., &c. Foster and Co., 29 Shepherd-st., Blackf.

GEN-IUS Avery's new Weighbridge, £75; six-ton Scales, £25; also other Scales, Ploughs, Harrows, Mowing Machines, every make and size, new, half-price of any other house. NEWLAND, 173 George-street West.

FOR SALE, one 8-horsepower Portable ENGINE, by Robey; can be seen working at sawmill. Price, £140. Apply

J. FOSTER, Otford Sawmill.

WOOD PULLEYS.—The Dodge Standard Wood PULLEY is the lightest and strongest pulley ever made. N. GUTHRIDGE, Limited, Sole Agents, 71 Clarence-street.

BELTING, all kinds.

Largest Stock. Lowest Prices.

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BREAK-DOWN SAW FRAMES, saw Spindles, as at milling machinery. A large stock to select from.

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PORTABLE ENGINES, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 20 h.p.; Tangye Horizontal Engines, 6, 8, 10, and 12 h.p.; also Boilers, colonial type, 18 and 25 h.p. T. M GOODALL, and CO., Hay-street, Sydney.

IRRIGATION PLANTS.—Centrifugal or direct-driven Steam PUMPS supplied. Advice given free by experts on irrigation. T. M. GOODALL, and CO., 129 Hay-street, Sydney.

WANTED, Panel or a Thicknessing Planing Machine. Particulars to 33 Campbell-st., Glebe. T., 286 Glebe. (For Continuation see Index to Advertisements.)

HOUSES AND LAND FOR SALE.

FOR PRIVATE SALE.

PADDINGTON.—VALUABLE BUSINESS SITE, corner of Oxford-street and Jersey-road, freehold title. Price £3000.

WAVERLEY.—DETACHED RESIDENCE, 10 rooms and outoffices, stabling, land 183 x 250, freehold title. Price £2250. Easy terms if desired.

SANDWICK-WAVERLEY.—Splendid Block of Land, Hamilton and Hooper streets, 177 x 148, Torrens title. Price £2 10s per foot.

BEDFERN.—6 well-built Brick Houses, each 4 rooms, kitchen, bath, copper, returning £57 year gross, leasehold, about 60 years to run. PRICE ONLY £300 if sold at once. Terms.

PADDINGTON.—Brick House, 5 rooms, kitchen, bathroom, laundry, &c., good yard, handy to Oxford-street, Torrens title, £495, terms if desired.

WALTER RUSH AND CO., Auctioneers and Valuators, 30 Queen-street, Woollahra.

DULWICH HILL.—Exceptional opportunity, owner leaving the district, must sell. We have just been instructed to offer for SALE magnificent Cottage RESIDENCE, containing 5 rooms, hall, pantry, bath, kitchen, bathroom, fitted washhouse, laundry (fitted tubs), marble mantels, tiled hearths, tiled verandah, nice garden, gas and city water, connected with sewer, every conv., land 40 x 120 about, price £850, terms. W. F. Budge, Dulwich Hill. Tel., 286 P.

DULWICH HILL, handy to tram.—Double-front COTTAGE, verandah, hall, 4 rooms, kitchen, laundry, copper, fixed tubs, bath, pantry, range, tiled hearth, land 33 x 100, Torrens title, £440, terms. W. F. Budge, Dulwich Hill. Tel., 286 P.

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BALMAIN.—Sup. det. Brick Villa, 6 rms., close ferry and trams. Edw. B. Boyle, 623 Darling-st., Balmain W.

BALMAIN, close Rozelle P.O.—Det. 6-rmd. Cottage and grounds, £360. E. Boyle, 623 Darling-st., B'main.

DRUMMOYNE.—Water frontage, Cottage, 5 r., land 30 x 220, £410, wharf, tram. E. Boyle, Balmain W.

DRUMMOYNE.—Brick det. Cottage, 5 rms., conv. to ferry, £460, must sell. E. F. Bogle, 623 Darling-st., B'main.

FIVE DOCK.—Block of Land, 54 x 140, close to P.O., offers wanted. E. F. Bogle, Balmain W. Tel., 286 B.

STRICT Orders to SELL at once, POULTRY FARM and ORCHARD, 7 acres, snug Cottage, 4 rms., fruit, stable, sheds, netted yards, r.w. tank and creek, Torrens Title, £350. A. H. FERRIS, Parramatta.

RYDE NORTH.—Young ORCHARD, over 3 acres, select, purely level, 500 fruit trees, new W.B. COTTAGE, 3 rooms, man's house, stable and buggy shed, fowlhouse, good water supply. Price £425, or will exchange for suburban property. W. H. CHAMPION, 504 Darling-street, Balmain.

EASTERN SUBURBS.—I have several nice Properties for Investments, showing 10 p.c., from £300 to £5000, terms if required; also several nice Private Residences. MOFFATT, Bondi Junction.

WAVERLEY.—New Modern COTTAGE, brick on stone, slate roof, 4 rooms, kit., all conv., lawn at side, large yard, 3 minutes from tram, freehold, £385 cash.

JOHN GREEN, 128 Oxford-street, Bondi Junction.

FOUR Brick Cottages, each of 3 rms., kitchen, laundry, tubs, copper, gas, sewerage, &c.; always let at 10s per week each; land 50 x 114 to lane; price only £362, 12 p.c. ret. on money invest. Clifford, op. Johnston-st., Annandale.

FOREST LODGE.—A first-class Family RESIDENCE, 7 rooms, kitchen, all mod. conv., perfect order, tiled verandah, marble stops, asphalted yard, best elevated position, 2 min. tram, positive sale, cash or terms, sacrifice for £925. W. T. TATE and CO. 125 Glebe-road.

ANNANDALE.—A very unique Cottage VILLA RESI., on land 50ft. by 230ft., in lane, best pos. Johnston-street, eastern aspect, 6 rooms, kit., every mod. conv., stables and c'house, Torrens title, positive sale, owner leaving, price £900, cash, easy terms. W. T. TATE and CO., 125 Glebe-road. Tel., 96 G.

DOUBLE-FRONTED Villa, 7 rs., kit., stables, £550, deposit £50. Cr. Fulham and Simmons sts., Enmore.

BALMAIN.—Beautiful water frontage Residence, gift, 8 r., dep. bal. 4 p.c. Cox, 497 Darling-st.

WAVERLEY, Bondi.—Well-built bk. Cot., 4 rs., k., fatge. 325ft., £680. Glencoe, Dickson-st., off Birrell-st.

SIX COTTAGES FOR SALE. A BARGAIN. In CAMDEN-STREET, NEWTOWN, just off King-street. Above Smug Investment. Nearly new, only built about 22 years ago. All always let at 12s per week. Total annual gross rent, £187. Total annual net rent, £160. PRICE, £1700. Terms: £570 deposit, balance in 5 months at 4½ per cent. NEARLY 10 per c

AUCTION SALES.

HORSES WANTED. HORSES WANTED.

We have a Buyer for a number of HORSES for shipment to Africa. They require to be strong saddle description, 14 to 15 hands, 4 to 7 years.

Also,

Pole-chase Hacks and Harness Horses, 4 to 6 yrs. old, and Ponies, 14 to 14.2 high.

** Horses will inspect at our Bazaar, 244 Pitt-street, SATURDAY MORNING NEXT, at 12 o'clock.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON.

INGLIS AND SON'S HORSE BAZAAR.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 10.30 a.m. sharp,

Vans, Springcarts, Horses and Harness, Draught Horses, Tipdrays, Horses, and Harness.

And at 11.30 a.m.

Horses and Vehicles of every description, specially advertised. Tel., 1331.

HIGH-CLASS SULKY TURNOUT.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. H. L. Bailey, Naramdera, to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,

Grey Mare, 14 hands, thoroughly quiet and fast in harness, can be recommended, with Sulky and Harness, nearly new, makes a stylish lot.

NEAT SULKY TURNOUT.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. E. Agate, to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,

Chestnut Pony Gelding, 12 hands, broken to saddle and harness, used to trams; strong well-built Sulky and Harness (h.m.), in good repair.

SUPERIOR COBURG (new), STYLISH HARNESSED and HARNESS, 4-Wheeled DOGCART (picstaker). Handsome Bay MARE and HARNESS.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,

The s.f. ore.

3 PONIES FROM RICHMOND RIVER.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock,

Pair of Hungarian Ponies, silver mane and tail, 5 and 6 yrs., 13.2, broken to saddle and harness, very quiet and always used together; pair Chestnut Taffy Ponies, silver manes and tails, 4 yrs., 10 hands; also Grey Pony, thoroughly good in saddle.

HANDSOME PONY.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. G. Hobson to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock,

Pinkish Pony Mare, about 13 hands, by Who Goes There, very handsome; has been handled, and is thoroughly quiet.

TO TROTTING MEN AND OTHERS.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. H. Mahon Richmond, to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock,

Chestnut Gelding, 15.2, 7 years, by Messenger from a blood mare, trial trotter, good hack, and splendid buggy horse; also Bay Filly, rising 3 years, about 14.1, cubby sort, broken to saddle and harness.

WELL-BRED S. AND H. PONY.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. R. Duncan to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock,

Bay Mare, 14.2, by Stockdale, by Goldsborough, thoroughly reliable in saddle and harness; any lead.

TO RACING MEN AND OTHERS.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. H. Ireland, Riverstone, to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock,

WILLIE HICKEY (late Maritana), Bay Mare, by Tartar from Mandarin, winner of many races.

Performances at Sale.

These are noted good ponies, are direct from the breeder, and will be found a very useful lot.

WILLIS and CO. will sell by auction, at their Railway Timber Yards, Darling Harbour, off George-street South, THIS DAY, at 10 o'clock, Prize and Fancy POULTRY, all descriptions. Buyers will find a large assortment of real good birds among the above.

PRODUCE SALES.

SALES BY AUCTION will be held TO-DAY by the Australasian Mortgage and Agency Co. Ltd., John Sands and Co. Ltd., Dalgety and Co. Ltd., Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co. Ltd., Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Ltd., Hill, Clark, and Co., New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Co., Ltd., Pastoral Finance Association, Ltd., Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Ltd., as under:—

MARSUPIAL SKINS.—At the Wool Exchange, Macquarie-place, at 9 a.m.; Opening Sale at 3 p.m.

LEATHER. At the stores of Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Ltd., and Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Ltd., at 11 a.m.

WOOL SALES.

SALES BY AUCTION will be held TO-DAY (Wednesday), at the SYDNEY WOOL EXCHANGE, Bridge-street, at 3 p.m., as under:—

Hill, Clark, and Co.—1069 Bales.

John Dodge and Co., Ltd.—405 Bales.

Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Ltd.—1018 Bales.

AUCTION SALE.

At the Rooms,

98 WALKER-STREET, NORTH SYDNEY.

THURSDAY, 21st MAY, AT 11 O'CLOCK.

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS, comprising Rosewood Piano, Wardrobes, Chests Drawers, Dunbar Lounge, Bentwood Table, Walnut Kitchen Dresser, Pier Glass, several Bedsteads and Bedding, Washstands, Dressing Tables, Chiffoniers, Axminster and Tapestry Carpets, Linoleum, Oilcloth, Curtains, Blinds, Cutlery, Glass, China, Kitchen and Laundry Utensils, &c.

WITHOUT ANY RESERVE.

CLARKE and SOLOMONS, Auctioneers,

78 Walker-street, North Sydney.

To Fishermen, Boat Owners, and Others.

NORTH SYDNEY.

SATURDAY, 23rd MAY, at 3 o'clock,

Opening Cove (foot of Willoughby-st.), YOUNGER'S BOATHOUSE, containing

21 and 24 ft. HALF-DECKERS, C.B., and Rowing Skiffs, English Wherry, Spars, Gear, Moorings, Trollies, Sails, &c., used in connection with Boat-letting Business.

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BY ORDER OF THE HON. THE MINISTER FOR WORKS.

UNRESERVED SALE OF BUILDING MATERIAL.

Machine and full-sized sand Stock Bricks, Doors in Frames complete, Sashes, Shutters and Frames complete, Joists, Rafters, Tiles, Iron, Weather and Lining Boards, Flooring, Mantels, C.O.G. Guttering, Chimney Cowls, Lead, and Stone.

BATT, SODD, and PURVES, Limited, will submit to PUBLIC AUCTION

THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, 20th MAY, at 11 a.m., AT FARMER'S BATHS SITE, DOMAIN.

The above are all in good condition.

TURRAMURRA.

HIGHLY IMPORTANT SALE BY AUCTION,

THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, 20th MAY, AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

AT THE VILLA RESIDENCE, STRATH-ENDRICK, KURING-GAI CHASE-AVENUE, TURRAMURRA,

under Instructions from HERBERT F. WARD, Esq., in consequence of his early Departure for England.

THE WHOLE OF THE HANDSOME FURNITURE and HOUSEHOLD APPOINTMENTS,

including

VALUABLE PIANOFORTE, UPRIGHT GRAND IN WALNUT CASE BY C. SIEVART, Berlin.

Also

PIANOLA,

in ROSEWOOD CASE, only recently purchased from Messrs. HENRY BIRGE and CO. at a cost of SIXTY GUINEAS, equal to new, together with six Music Pieces and Piano Stool.

Also

A VERY FINE PHAETON,

built by

ANGUS, fitted with reversible seat, with lamps, whip, brake, side-guards, &c.

BAY MARE,

SINGLE SET HARNESS, NEW SADDLE and BRIDLE, BEESTON HUMBER BICYCLE.

LARGE WEATHERBOARD BUILDING, with Galvanised Iron Roof, &c., &c., &c.

☞ FULL PARTICULARS IN CATALOGUES, obtainable at the Residence.

, ON VIEW PRIOR TO SALE.

JAMES R. LAWSON,

AUCTIONEER,

LAWSON, CARD, and CO., Ltd.,

ACTING AS AGENT FOR THE VENDOR, HERBERT F. WARD, Esq., has been favoured with his instructions to conduct the highly Important Sale by Auction, at the Residence, as above.

PADDINGTON.

IMPORTANT SALE BY AUCTION.

TO-MORROW, THURSDAY, 21st MAY, AT 11 O'CLOCK A.M.

At the Residence,

ST. GOTTHARD, No. 46 GOODROPE-STREET (off Glenmore-road).

Under instructions from Miss STRATTON, in consequence of relinquishing housekeeping.

HIGHLY SUPERIOR FURNITURE and HOUSEHOLD APPOINTMENTS, including

FINEST QUALITY LINOLEUMS (Shanes')

BRUSSELS STAIR CARPET and HALL RUNNERS.

SUBSTANTIAL DINING-ROOM FURNITURE.

THE VERY COMPLETE AND HANDSOME APPOINTMENTS of FIVE BEDROOMS,

HALL STAND, LINEN PRESS, Table Glass, China, and Electroplate.

KITCHEN and LAUNDRY REQUISITES, &c., &c.

INCUBATOR COMPLETE, in perfect order (35-egg).

POULTRY HOUSES and RUN,

SEVERAL HEAD PURE POULTRY,

CHOICE COLLECTION OF BUSHHOUSE PLANTS, &c., &c.

☞ ON VIEW THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, 20th May, from 2 o'clock in the Afternoon till 5 p.m., and on Morning of Sale.

JAMES R. LAWSON,

AUCTIONEER,

LAWSON, CARD, and CO., Ltd.,

ACTING AS AGENTS FOR THE VENDOR, Miss STRATTON, has been favoured with her instructions to conduct the Important Sale by Auction at her residence, as above.

THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, MAY 20.

On the Premises of Messrs. JOHN BRUSH, SON, and CO., 403 and 405 GEORGE-STREET.

CONTINUATION OF SALE FROM LOT 89.

AT 11 A.M.

WITHOUT RESERVE.

EXPIRATION OF LEASE.

GREAT CLEARANCE SALE OF HARNESS, SADDLERY, SADDLERS' IRONMONGERY, TRUNKS, BAGS, and LEATHER GOODS, &c., &c.

Also,

THE GOODWILL.

FRASER, UTHER, AND CO. have received instructions to sell by auction the above, when the Goodwill will be made for admission, which will be refunded to buyers at close of the sale.

THURSDAY, 21st MAY, at TOWNS' BOND, Miller's Point, at 2 p.m.

With all Faults.

IN BOND, 30,100 CIGARS.

FRASER, UTHER, AND CO. will sell by auction, the above, Orders for inspection can be obtained at our Rooms.

WAVERLEY.

THIS DAY, at 11 a.m.

UNRESERVED SALE BY AUCTION

OF

NETHERMAINS, Murray-street, Waverley.

Under instructions from W. G. CAINS, Esq., on account of his leaving the district.

The Whole of the SUPERIOR FURNITURE and RECHERCHE APPOINTMENTS.

Large Quantity of ELECTROPLATE, BEAUTIFUL PLATE and GLASSWARE, RARE OIL PAINTINGS, WATER COLOURS, ARTISTS' PROOFS, &c., by Eminent Artists.

BEAUTIFUL TONED UPRIGHT GRAND PIANOFORTE, WILMER,

Supplied by Nicholson and Co., costing £85.

EDISON'S HOME PHONOGRAPH, with Records.

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MASSIVE MAHOGANY SIDEBOARD, SOLID CEDAR ESCRITOIRE BOOKCASE, SCREW EXTENSION DINING TABLE, Couches and Easy Chairs,

ITALIAN WALNUT BEDROOM SUITE, 6ft. Wardrobe and Pair HANDSOME DUCHESSE TOILETS,

ELABORATE DRAWING-ROOM APPOINTMENTS, Complete Furnishings of Several Bedrooms, BLACK-AND-BRASS STEEL BEDSTEADS, furnished complete, ELEGANT BRUSSELS CARPETS, VERY GOOD LINOLEUMS, WRIGHT'S NO-FUSS GAS STOVE, &c., MANGLE, Kitchen and Laundry Requisites, LAWN MOWER, GARDEN TOOLS, Large Quantity BUSHHOUSE PLANTS.

, Leave Waverley tram at Logan-street. Nothermains overlooks Bronte House.

SYDNEY DAVIS, AUCTIONEER.

Offices, 3 Post Office-chambers.

EDGECLIFF.

FRIDAY, MAY 22, at 11 a.m.

HIGHLY ATTRACTIVE SALE BY AUCTION, at HALDENE, Edgecliff-road East, WOOLLAHRA.

Under instructions from R. SI ACKSTON, Esq., prior to the departure of Mrs. and Miss Sylvia Blackston to Europe.

SUPERIOR FURNITURE and DELIGHTFUL HOUSEHOLD APPOINTMENTS,

SWEET-TONED PIANOFORTE, by GORS AND KALMANN, personally selected by Miss Sylvia Blackston.

ON VIEW THURSDAY, from 11 till 5 o'clock.

, Further particulars in Friday's issue.

SYDNEY DAVIS, Offices, 3 Post Office-chambers.

THIS DAY, AT 11 O'CLOCK SHARP.

On the Premises of the N. S. WALES MONT DE PIETE DEPOSIT AND INVESTMENT COMPANY, 74 Castlereagh-street.

SUNDRIES, comprising—

Field and 8 Opera Glasses, Books, Cutlery, Cruets, Guns Table and Dessert Forks and Spoons, Revolvers, &c. Musical Instruments, Clocks, Cameras

JOHN F. LISTER has received instructions from the New South Wales Mont de Piete Deposit and Investment Company to sell by auction, on their Premises, 74 Castlereagh-street, as above.

THIS DAY.

JOHN F. LISTER will sell by auction, at his Rooms, 247A Pitt-street,

The Undelivered Pledges pawned with Mr. Montagu Schaechtel, of Liverpool-street, city.

At 11 o'clock: Clothing, Boots, Blankets, &c.

At 2 o'clock: Sundries and Jewellery.

To Heads of Families, Dealers, and Others.

THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, at 2 o'clock.

LEVY has received instructions to sell by auction, at his Rooms, 397 Pitt-street,

500 lots first-class Clothing, Ladies' Dresses, Skirts, Underclothing, Boots, Men's Clothing, Shirts, Bed and Table Linen, Sundry Furniture, &c.

NO RESERVE.

FREE TICKETS to BOYLE'S ESTATE, ENFIELD.—SALE NEXT SATURDAY, at 3.30. Train leaves Redfern at 2.42 p.m. Terms. Easy terms. ERNEST C. V. BROUGHTON, 113 Pitt-street, Auctioneer.

THIS DAY,

AT 11 O'CLOCK SHARP.

FOR SALE BY AUCTION.

AT THE MART, 199 PITT-STREET.

ABSOLUTELY WITHOUT RESERVE.

Under instructions from Messrs. STARKEY and STARKEY, Accountants a to the Assigned Estate of W. M'KENZIE, TAILOR, 3 SPRING-STREET.

THE WHOLE OF THE STOCK of MEN'S SUITINGS, TROUSERINGS, COATINGS, SERGES, VESTINGS, MILITARY and LIVERY CLOTHS, TRIMMINGS, LININGS, FACING SILKS, ITALIANS, SEWING SILKS, BUTTONS, &c.

LADIES' PLAIN and FANCY COSTUME TWEEDS, SERGES and LINENS, VESTINGS, SILK LININGS, TRIMMINGS, &c.

, THE AUCTIONEERS call the special attention of the trade to the above important and unreserved sale by auction, which comprises all the latest and fashionable Materials for Tailors' and Gents' Wear.

The value as per Stock Sheets is £1135.

S. H. HARRIS AND COMPANY, late HENRY HARRIS and COMPANY,

have been instructed by Messrs. STARKEY and STARKEY, Accountants in the Assigned Estate of W. M'KENZIE, TAILOR, 3 SPRING-STREET, to SELL the above, at the MART, 199 PITT-STREET, THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, 20th MAY, at 11 o'clock, ABSOLUTELY WITHOUT RESERVE.

BARWYCK, PYMBLE STATION.

TO-MORROW, THURSDAY, 11 o'clock.

The whole of the Nearly New and Tasteful FURNITURE and APPOINTMENTS of BARWYCK, formerly OSTALOOSA, CORNER STATION and GRANDVIEW STREETS, right opp. the station east side.

For Absolute Unreserved Sale by Auction, and inside the beautifully-kept gun-pment of SEVEN ROOMS AND ALL USUAL OFFICES.

The Furniture of Barwyck has been in use only about 3 months, and the special attention of the Trade and any who are furnishing is directed to this Sale at Pymble Station To-morrow.

LEATHER DINING SUITE, SIDEBOARD, EXTENSION TABLE

LINOLEUMS, CARPETS, MATTING, CURTAINS, CHINA, SERVICES

SUPERIOR SILVERPLATE, CUTLERY, LINEN, and BLANKETS of SEVEN BEDSTEADS, TABLE LINEN, NICE FURNISHINGS six Bedrooms of the most serviceable and saleable description.

SUPERIOR KITCHEN and GENERAL REQUISITES EVERY LOT FOR ABSOLUTE SALE UNRESERVED.

STRONGMAN AND WATSON have instructions from CHAPMAN and HAZLEWOOD, acting as Agents for esteemed Proprietress, N.B.—Intending Buyers, please inspect early Thursday.

SURREY HILLS.—THIS (Wednesday) MORNING, at 11 sharp.—Imperative Sale by Public Auction.

On the Premises, 18 KIPPAX-STREET, near Tooley's Brewery

Surplus Furniture and Effects of a 2-story House. Axm. Chairs, Tables, Leather Couch, Clock, Dresser, Odd Crockery, Single, 3, Double, Half-tester, Wire and Bedding, Walnut and Silk Tapestry Drawing Suite, Kitchen and Laundry Sundries.

E. HEBDEN BRODRIBB, under imperative instructions, will sell as above.

CASH AT ONCE. Immediate Delivery.

At the Rooms, 427-429 GEORGE-STREET, Haymarket.

E. HEBDEN BRODRIBB will sell by public auction the Contents of a large 2-storied House, moved from Darlinghurst under instructions from the Mortgagee

2 Beautiful Upright Grand Pianofortes, Extended Dresser, Dining, Hall, Single, 3, and Double Bedrooms, Suites, Combinations, Cheste Drawers, Carpets and Linoleums, Gas- and Crankerwares.

THIS WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, at 2.30 sharp.

NO RESERVE. TERMS CASH.

TO DRAPERS, COUNTRY BUYERS, DEALERS, &c. At the ROOMS, 7 WYNYARD-STREET.

THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, at 11.

Indent Stock of Manufacturers's Samples Small Stock of a Suburban Draper 12 Pkgs. Consignment Goods Invoices Rolled Gold and Gilt Jewellery, &c. As advertised in Saturday's Herald.

M. GOULSTON AND CO. will sell, THIS DAY, at 11, FANCY GOODS, TOYS, &c., FRIDAY NEXT, at 11, To Country Furnishing with Tools, Furniture Brokers, the Trade, and Others.

ATTRACTIVE and TOTALLY UNRESERVED SALE by PUBLIC AUCTION,

TO-MORROW, THURSDAY, at 11 o'clock, on the Premises, 125 DERWENT-STREET, GLEBE POINT, near St. John's-road.

The Charming Appointments of Bijou Cottage Residence. ☞ The Cottage is to Let.

Under instructions from Mrs. CHADWICK, who is leaving the State for New Zealand, including

A Charming Collection Cut Glassware, China, Electroplate, by J. Dixon and Son; Cutlery, &c.

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